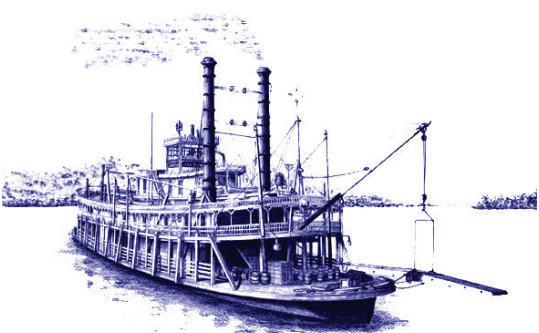




THE MADISON COURIER

REBELS' CRAWFORD SETS SCHOOL RECORD **PAGE B1**

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County adopts resolution supporting battery farm

Abatement accepts \$375K annually in lieu of taxes in first decade

BY BOB DEMAREE
A resolution to officially establish an economic revitalization area on a 10-acre site at the southwest intersection of Paper Mill and Dawson Smith roads was unanimously approved by the Jefferson County Council

at a special meeting Monday, paving the way for an economic development agreement for a battery storage facility.
If approved, owner Aypa Power would pay about \$375,000 annually in lieu of taxes for the first 10 years of the plant's estimated 25 years of operation. After the 10 years, the tax abatement would end and Aypa Power will begin to pay property taxes based on the value of the equipment. County Council will vote on the economic development agree-

ment at its next regular meeting Tuesday, Dec. 12.
"This parcel of land is an important economic development asset to the county," said Tony Steinhardt III, the city of Madison's economic development director, who is working on behalf of the county in negotiations with Aypa Power, based in Austin, Texas. He said the agreement will provide the county "maximum flexibility for future economic development with those dollars for future economic development opportunities."

Steinhardt said it provides a means "as counties and cities look for additional revenue sources that aren't necessarily tied to taxes" and cited it as "one creative way" of creating that revenue.
Once the abatement ends after 10 years, Steinhardt said during the company's second decade of operation, personal property taxes would begin to be paid with the county's collections forecast at about \$850,000 annually. "That's all forecast. Nobody's got a silver ball," Steinhardt added.

Steinhardt said the agreement also includes a "community development piece" in which Aypa Power will pay an additional \$10,000 per year for 10 years for the county's schools to assist with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) education at Madison Consolidated, Southwestern Jefferson County, Prince of Peace, Canaan Community Academy and Christian Academy of Madison.

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Photos by Bob Demaree
An assembly line system is used for filling bags for the BackSacks program. A food item is added to each bag at each station until all items for that week are ready to go home with students. Those pictured with bags are (from left) Linda laCour, Roxanne Waltz and Ken Waltz.



Ray Voris (left) and Tom Gold load a van with sacks containing food items that will go to students in Madison Consolidated Schools. The sacks are delivered to the schools to be disbursed and provide food for the students on weekends.



Susan Ohlendorf (left) and Judith Glass fill a shopping cart with bags containing food items for students at Madison Consolidated Schools. More than 300 students are served weekly by the BackSacks program.

BackSacks putting food on the table for children in need

Volunteers give and gain from feeding children on weekends

BY BOB DEMAREE
Every Thursday morning during the school year a group of volunteers gather in the back basement of the Clearinghouse, 100 East Second Street, to fill plastic bags with food items that go to feed food challenged children on weekends.
The effort is part of the BackSacks program that feeds more than 300 children attending Madison Junior High School and the four elementary



Connie Huntington, organizer of the BackSacks program, engages with volunteers on one of the Thursday mornings when they gather to sack up food for students.
schools in Madison Consolidated Schools.
While breakfast and lunch is available for those students at the schools on weekdays, the BackSacks program provides enough food to get the chil-

dren through the weekend.
Connie Huntington initiated the current BackSacks program through Madison Presbyterian Church in 2019.
Before that, there had been a BackSacks program operated through Gleaners Food Bank.
Huntington remembers "sitting in church before the service started, and kept thinking God was telling me, 'Feed the children, feed the children. And the next Sunday I heard it again and I hadn't done anything, and it took about a month" until Huntington began telling others, leading to Madison Presbyterian Church taking on the BackSacks program.

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

Country Christmas show at Ohio Theatre on Sunday

This coming Sunday we have a convergence of three topics that are near and dear to my heart. The Ohio Theatre, the Dupont Community Park, and singer Jackson Snelling. I've done stories on each of these individually in the past, but they are coming together for a very special event at 2 p.m. on Sunday — doors open at 1 p.m.

It's being billed as a "Country Christmas" with Jackson Snelling as the headline performer. There will also be raffles for various gifts, wine and whiskey. A "Wildest Sweater" contest. Hot chocolate and homemade cookies, plus refreshments and adult beverages. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for kids) and available at Madtixevents.com.

The event is a fundraiser for the Dupont Community Park, which is nearing completion but still needs a little more funding to get over the hump.

I caught up with the Park project organizers, Dawn Jines and Anne Saxe, and asked them how it was going.

"The park is technically usable," explained Dawn, "but the playground is not 100% complete yet. The tables are in, as are most of the other features." Anne continued. "I'd encourage anyone interested to stop in and take a look at the progress. It's right in the heart of Dupont near the railroad tracks. But the best thing you can do to help is buy a ticket and come to this event on Sunday!"

Avid readers of this column will recall a recent story I did on Jackson Snelling, the musical performer for this event. He was in the middle of filming "The Voice" television show out in Los Angeles.

Unfortunately, Jackson was knocked out of the competition before the final round, but he had some wonderful

experiences being coached by Reba McIntire and enjoying the spotlight.

Jackson was also tapped a few years ago to be a contestant on "American Idol." The significance of two of these talent shows picking him cannot be overstated. He has the voice, the stage presence, and the compelling

backstory to truly become a star. His amazing vocal range will be on full display at this Sunday concert event.

While talking to Dawn and Anne about the Dupont Park, I also had a chance to catch up with Chuck Requet and Elizabeth Auxier, Ohio Theatre board members and de facto mavens of the beloved auditorium. I asked how things were coming along.

"Well, you probably heard we received a nice grant to redo the whole front facade of the building, and that will be starting soon," explained Chuck.

"New windows, refinished brick walls, totally restored marquis sign with the classic chasing lights. It should be completed by Regatta next year. It will look exactly like it did in 1938."

"The refurbishment of the chairs is actually done," chimed in Elizabeth. "We're just waiting to do the floor prep work before they can be reinstalled. With all the other work of the last few years, I can honestly say the building is the most stable it's been in decades."

"I feel like we're getting the old momentum back, and this year we are really rocking and rolling. I would tell people who want to help, just come to the shows, tell your friends, and help us build the energy and excitement around the project. It's really going to mean a lot to Madison when it's complete."

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OBITUARIES

Darryl H. Ritchie, age 81, of Hanover, Indiana entered this life on February 24, 1942 in Jefferson County, Indiana. Darryl was the loving son of the late Howard O. and Helen L. Wehner Ritchie. He was raised on the family dairy farm and graduated from Dupont High School in 1959. He was inducted into the United States Army and honorably discharged and transferred to the Reserves. He was blessed with a daughter, Carla from his first marriage. On April 3, 1976, Darryl was united in marriage to Patti Sue Peak at the Hanover United Methodist Church. This union of 47 years blended two families together and added a son, Greg and a



daughter, Hannah. He had farmed for himself and others for 25 years. He then worked in sales with Super Crost Seeds Company in Kentland, Indiana for ten years. He then co owned and operated the F & D. Salvage and sold salvaged lumber for several years. He retired from Davis

Implements near New Washington where he was proud to sell John Deere equipment for 10 years. Darryl farmed for himself for 25 years. He was a member of the Wirt Baptist Church, enjoyed gardening, bird watching, NASCAR, IU Basketball, and collecting John Deere tractors. He enjoyed the outdoors, traveling via RV, woodworking, racing, and all things John Deere. Darryl was a strong supporter of local high school sports and the Indiana Hoosiers. He attracted friends and strangers alike with his friendly and assured personality. His quick wit and dry humor will be remembered by all that

he knew. Darryl died on Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 6:15 a.m. at his home in Hanover, Indiana.

Darryl will be missed by his loving wife of 47 years, Patti Sue Peak Ritchie of Hanover, IN; his daughters, Carla Ritchie Ginn and her companion, Doug Pittman of Deputy, IN, Hannah Ritchie Trapp and her husband, Darin of Scottsburg, IN; his son, Greg Ritchie and his wife, Cynthia of Goshen, IN; his step sons, Heath Taylor and his wife, Tracy of Vinton, LA, Brent Taylor of Vinton, LA; his grandchildren, Ethan, Colton, Ainsley, Patrick, Preston, Kanyon, Elizabeth, Michael, Jordan, and Bryce; his sister, Gewenolyn Kay

Law and her husband, Billy of Madison, IN; his sister in laws, Carol Key of Madison, IN, June Ritchie of Madison, IN; his uncle, Harlan Wehner and his wife, Polly of Madison, IN; his aunt, Ruby Wehner of Hanover, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard O. Ritchie; his mother, Helen L. Wehner Ritchie; his brother, Charles Frederick Ritchie; his brother in law, Paul J. Key.

Memorial services will be conducted Friday, December 1, 2023, at 6 p.m., by Bro. Doug Lee at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana.

Interment will follow later in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana.

Friends may visit Friday from 4 — 6 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre.

A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southwestern Athletics. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Master Chief (Retired) William H. Stewart (Bill)

In Memory of Master Chief (Retired) William H. Stewart (Bill) Shelbyville, Tennessee, passed away November 15, 2023 at the Nashville Veterans Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. Born Dec. 21, 1941, in Madison, Indiana to the late Joseph W. Stewart and Beatrice Craig Stewart Willman. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his first wife

Carol J. Stewart and his daughter Kim Antoinette Stewart his second wife Beatrice Stewart, his step-father Albert Willman, a sister Mary C. Fugate and a brother Joseph L. Stewart. Survivors included his son William Anthony (Tony) Stewart, three brothers Mike Willman Fort Wayne, IN, John Willman, Fort Myers, FL, and John N. Stewart Milton, KY. Four

sisters, Jessie (Jennie) Copeland, Madison, IN, Margurite Bedwell, Ormand Beach, FL, Loren Mavromati, Redondo Beach, CA, and Darragh Wilson, Columbus, IN. Several grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his friends in Shelbyville that took such good care of him. Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service is in charge of local arrangements.

DEATH NOTICES

Harry Scott Berry, 76, of Owenton, KY, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Owenton Health and Rehab Center. Services will be private in New York. Arrangements entrusted to Ransdell Funeral Home, Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com. **Juanita Combs, 87**, of North Vernon, died Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour, IN. Funeral service is 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Sawyer-Pickett Funeral and Cremation Service in North Vernon, with burial in the Dupont Cemetery in Dupont, IN, www.sawyerfuneral.com.

Charles Henry Hotfil, 75, of Carrollton, KY, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Carroll County Memorial Hospital in Carrollton. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, at English Baptist Church in Carrollton followed by burial at the English Cemetery near Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneral-home.com. **John Daniel Montano, 88**, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Wednesday,

Nov. 29, 2023, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Ransdell Funeral Home, Campbellsburg, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com. **Gene Thomas Vannarsdall, 80**, of Carrollton, KY, died Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at his home in Carrollton. Funeral service is 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, at First Baptist Church of Carrollton. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

ANNIVERSARY

DECEMBER 1
Dean & Traci Hafer

BIRTHDAYS

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DECEMBER 2
Shirley Bear

DECEMBER 3
Sara Denhart

DECEMBER 4
Beth Karst Taylor
Karen Rose VanWye

DECEMBER 5
Sandy Freeman
Ashley Hafer

DECEMBER 6
Dan McCauley
Darrell Henderson

DECEMBER 7
Abby Waltz Suiter

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:39 a.m.
Sunset: 5:22 p.m.
Temperature: High 57, Low 39, Mean 48.0, Deficit 1.1
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, November 2023: .54
Precipitation, 2023: 43.77

Barometer: 29.84, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.95, Falling
Forecast: Saturday: Cloudy High 56/Low 40; Sunday: Showers High 53/Low 36; Monday: Showers High 48/Low 35; Tuesday: Mostly cloudy High 50/Low 33.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

November 27, 2023
Seth James Owen, 57, Hanover, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. No bond.

November 28, 2023
Robert Rack Graves, 33, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear. Bond \$500 cash.
Charity M. Asbury, 37, Madison, for Dealing in Marijuana, a Class A misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County arrest warrant to serve 59-day court-ordered sentence. No bond.
Tashawn Dewayne Manning, 45, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (Criminal recklessness-shooting a firearm into a building and criminal mischief). Bond \$10,000 cash.

November 29, 2023
Eric Michael Beckley, 44, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (common nuisance-legend drugs, resisitng law enforcement and possession of paraphernalia). Bond \$2,500 cash.

Warren Eugene Brooks, 42, Madison, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.
Jonathan Michael Herndon, 31, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (parole violation). Bond \$5,000 cash.
Yesica Evech Martinez, 30, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant (theft) and a Jefferson County warrant for failure to appear (public intoxication). Bond combined \$3,500 cash.
Jason Paul Nugent, 44, Anderson, Indiana, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
Gabriel Jackson Schmidlapp, 19, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$1,000 cash.
Jodi Le Ammah Thompson,

42, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

November 27 2023
Arionna R. Garcia, 19, Hanover, for Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.
Amy Rita Ann McWhorter, 38, Belen, New Mexico, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor; and Operating While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail on the Class A misdemeanor concurrent to 60 days jail on the Class C misdemeanor with credit for 4 days served with 176 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs.
Hilaro J. Reyes, 30, Paint Lick, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Operating Without a Valid License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail, all suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.
William Edward Dulin Jr., 57, Madison, for Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail with credit for 2 days served and 178 days suspended to non-reporting probation \$189 in fees and court costs.

November 28 2023
Danna Combs, Madison Correctional Facility, Dealing in Methamphetamine-5-10 Grams, a Level 3 felony. Court grants modification of 3,285-day sentence with credit for 1,565 days served and 1,720 days suspended to supervised probation.
Terry J. Duncan, Madison, to an amended charge of

Residential Entry, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 182 days jail, fully executed, with credit for 88 days served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.
Gary Allen Youngblood, 54, Hanover, to an amended charge of Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, consecutive to previous sentence with no credit for time served plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Eugene Wayne Crittenden Sr., 58, Milton, Kentucky, to an amended charge of Resisting Law Enforcement, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 8 days served and 172 days suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Ethan Michael Smith, 20, North Vernon, Indiana, to an amended charge of Battery, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 12 days served and 353 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

Joshua B. Clowers, Madison, for Possession of a Device to Interrupt Alcohol Screening, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to zero days jail plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

Gary Allen Youngblood, 54, Hanover, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, consecutive to previous sentence with credit for 140 days served plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

Natessa Yavonne Gibson, 31, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 74 days jail, served; plus \$239 in fees and court costs.

Justin Allan Ledbetter, 27, Madison, to an amended charge of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 6 days served and consecutive to revocation of probation plus \$689 in fees and court costs.

Donald R. Martin III, 31, no address, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; and Possession

of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 373 days at Indiana Department of Correction on felony consecutive to 8 days jail on misdemeanor with credit for 8 days served and 365 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$889 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

November 27, 2023

Whitney A. Smith to Brandon Smith and Whitney A. Smith, 282 November Street, Hanover.

Steven Thoman and Cathy L. Thoman (deceased) to Steven Thoman, three parcels at 2174 and 3174 South Elizabeth Drive, Hanover.

Karen S. Boone and Roger Dale Boone (estate) to Angela G. Elswick and Pamela Boone, three tracts totaling approximately 31 acres at 8449 8536+ and 8540+ East State Road 56, Vevay.

Steven Bickis and Sara B. Bickis to Sara Baxter Bickis, 10 acres at 6559 East Pleasant Ridge Road, Madison.

Steven Bickis and Sara B. Bickis to Steven A. Bickis, four tracts totaling approximately 93 acres at 6659 East Pleasant Road, Madison and 6100+ North Shirks Hollow Road, Madison.

November 28, 2023

Chicken Run LLC to Cody Bennett, Roger Bennett and Kelly Bennett, 2099 East Gardner Lane, Madison (115,000).

I & B Properties LLC to Lance Laymon and Mary Laymon, approximately 3.5 acres at 4066+ North 933 West, Deputy.

Jefferson County Animal Welfare Fund Inc. to Shawn Kietzman and Jessica Kietzman, 801 Filmore Alley, Madison.

Fred D. Jackson and Julie E. Jackson to State of Indiana, .29 acres at 101 South 1233 West, Lexington (\$1,000).

Wilma J. Boas-Murphy and Glenn D. Murphy (deceased) to Glenn D. Murphy Estate, 310 Laurel Lane, Madison.

Roberta Brown to Heather Catt and Rawleigh Mitchell, 11638 West Deputy Pike Road, Deputy.

November 29, 2023

Curt Slack, Curtis Slack and Terrie Slack to Jeffrey C. Knox, 1009 Park Avenue, Madison.

OBITUARIES

James ‘Jim’ Michael Connolly

James “Jim” Michael Connolly, age 75, of Indianapolis, Indiana formerly of Madison entered this life on December 19, 1947 at Bethesda Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio with his twin brother, John. He was the loving son of the late Earl Ford and Carolyn Frances Kittle Connolly. He was raised in Madison and graduated in 1966 from Madison Consolidated High School where he was very involved in all school activities. Jim attended the University of Evansville in Evansville, Indiana for one year when he was drafted into the United States Navy. He entered active duty on March 2, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He rose to the rate of Communication Technician Petty Officer Third Class. He was honorably discharged on January 26, 1973 in Washington DC receiving the National Defense Service Medal. He then was transferred to the Reserves until he was discharged on February 2, 1975. He finished his business administration degree with Indiana University. He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in downtown Madison and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Madison and served as Lieutenant Governor in 1989/1990 of the Scenic Hills Division. He also held membership in the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion and was a past commander of the post. Jim was blessed with three daughters, Amy, Megan and Victoria. He was employed with Fifth/Third Bank and the Rising Sun Bank early in life



working in the banking industry. He worked for 12 years in purchasing with the Indiana Kentucky Electric Company and then worked with King’s Daughters’ Hospital for four years in purchasing. On June 21, 1986, Jim was united in marriage to Paula Carleen “Wendy” Brunton in Madison, Indiana. This happy union had celebrated 37 years of marriage together. Jim and Wendy moved to Indianapolis and he began a career with Methodist Occupational Health working maintenance from 1993-2007 when he retired. Jim loved working crossword puzzles and watching sports. Jim died on Monday, November 27, 2023, at 8 a.m. at the IU Health West Hospital in Avon, Indiana. Jim will be missed by his loving wife of 37 years Wendy Brunton Connolly of Indianapolis, IN; his daughters, Amy Cavazos of Kokomo, IN, Megan Williams of CA, Victoria Killion and her husband, Max of Indianapolis, IN; his grandchildren, Maddie “Max” Lutgens and Calvin Lutgens, Stephen Cavazos, Noah Cavazos, C.J. Cavazos; his great granddaughter, Violet Cavazos; his twin brother,

John Connolly and his wife, Darleen of Madison, IN; his sister, Jo Connolly Lorenz of Indianapolis, IN; his mother in law, Betty C. Varble Brunton Konkle and her husband, Paul of Madison, IN; his brother in law, Michael Brunton of Carmel, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Ford Connolly; his mother, Carolyn Frances Kittle Connolly; his sister, Nancy Connolly Smith; his father in law, Oliver Dee Brunton, and his great grandchild, Max Cavazos. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 2 p.m., by Bro. Bob Hicks at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, Indiana. Interment will follow on Monday at 11 a.m. at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison, Indiana. Friends may visit Saturday from 12 — 2 p.m. at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 11 a.m. at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the 1966 Class of Madison Consolidated High School Scholarship or ASPCA. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Sarah Taylor ‘Sally’ Diuguid

Sarah Taylor “Sally” Diuguid, age 79, of Nokomis, FL, formerly of Ghent, KY, passed this life on November 13, 2023, at The Springs at Oldham Reserve in La Grange, KY. Sally was born in Chicago, Cook County, IL, on July 29, 1944, to Phillip Taylor and Sarah Walters Taylor (Walton). She was a member of the Warsaw Christian Church in Warsaw, KY, and also sang in the Warsaw Christian Church Choir. Sally also sang in the Carrollton Christian Church Choir and the local Community Choir. Other memberships include the Caby M. Froman Club, Carrollton Younger Women’s Club, and St. Francis of the Fields Church. She was also been involved with the



Carrollton Investment Club of which she served as Treasurer for 1 year and served as Fifth District Governor for Kentucky Women’s Clubs for 2 years. She was a private pilot, an accomplished painter, a golfer, an avid gardener, following the late Fred Wiche closely. She exuded a vibrant interest in life and lived life lightly with a well-developed sense of humor. Left to mourn her

passing is her son, Gex Taylor Diuguid of Nokomis, FL. She was preceded in death by her husband; William Gex “Bill” Diuguid on February 11, 2023, her parents and stepfather; Sublet Walton, and a brother; Thomas “Tommy” Taylor. Funeral Services was held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at the Warsaw Christian Church in Warsaw, KY, with the Rev. Phil Case officiating the service. Interment took place in the Ghent Masonic Cemetery in Ghent, KY. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be given to the Alzheimer’s Association or the Warsaw Christian Church in the care of the funeral home. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home.

Marjorie ‘Margie’ (Butters) Ford

Marjorie “Margie” (Butters) Ford, age 96, of Vevay, Indiana died at 1:22 p.m., Monday, November 27, 2023, at Swiss Villa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Vevay, Indiana. Margie was born on December 26, 1926 to John Frederick Butters and Hyacinth Eudella (Rayl) Butters in Vevay, Indiana. Margie will be missed by her sons, Robert Wayne Ford of Jeffersonville, IN and Jerry Lynn Ford and his wife, Brenda of Socorro, New Mexico; her daughter, Karen Sue Wentworth and her husband, Gary of Vevay, IN; her grandchildren, Tony Ford, Billy Ford, Amy (Aaron) Walcott, David Wentworth, Gregory

Wentworth, Jonathan Ford, Danny Ford and Derrick Ketcharside; her great-grandchildren, Jaden Hoskins, Shelby Henry, Dalton Henry, Mia Ford, Adam Wentworth, Kristyn and Levi; her great-great-grandchildren, Westin Henry and Brynlee Henry; her sister, Alice Stella Carr of Greendale, IN and her several nieces and nephews. In death, she rejoined her father, John Frederick Butters; her mother, Hyacinth Eudella (Rayl) Butters; her brothers, James Edwin “Jimmy” Butters, John Frederick “Jack” Butters, Charles Scott “Chuck” Butters, Leslie Lee “Les” Butters, Raymond Daniel “Buck” Butters, and her sister,

Louise Ella Hizer. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Friday, December 1, 2023, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, December 1, 2023, by Bro. Roy Duckworth, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Vevay Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Switzerland County Emergency Response Unit or Jeff Craig Volunteer Fire Department. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Lorraine McNeely

Lorraine McNeely, 90, of Patriot, IN, passed away on Saturday, November 25th, 2023, at The Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison, IN. Lorraine was born in Hamilton, OH on November 19, 1933, a daughter of the late Addie (Ash) Isaacs and Chester F. Isaacs. Lorraine married Walter H. Brinegar on Dec. 4, 1950 and to this union three children were born: Barry Lynn Brinegar, Bonnie Kay Brinegar and Beverly Sue Brinegar. Walter passed on Sept. 6, 1957. Lorraine married Douglas Gene McNeely on October 5, 1962, and to this union two more children were born: Linda McNeely and Douglas McNeely. They were married 46 years until Doug’s passing on October 27th, 2008. Lorraine formerly worked at the Plastic Moldings Plant in East Enterprise but being a homemaker and helping her husband on the farm was her main priority. Lorraine loved the farm life and tending to the animals, especially the donkeys her and Doug raised. She also enjoyed sewing and cake decorating. Lorraine was



also a former member of the Rising Sun Eastern Star. Lorraine was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend to many. Lorraine is survived by three daughters, Bonnie Long (Dennis), of Madison, IN; Beverly Jones (Buster), of Rising Sun, IN and Linda McNeely, of Warsaw, KY; by a son, Douglas McNeely (Lisa), of Patriot, IN; by two step daughters, Karen Atha (Ronnie), of Dry Ridge, KY and Joyce McNeely, of Burlington, KY; by a step son, Denny McNeely (Robin), of New Marion, IN; by 24 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Lorraine is also survived by three

sisters, Charlotte Harvey, of Liberty, IN; Wanda Gehm, of Middletown, OH and Geneva Isaacs, of New Hope, AR; by two brothers, Gerald Issacs, of Tipp City, OH and Randy Isaacs, of Calhan, CO. Lorraine was a Gold Star Mother, having lost her son Barry Lynn Brinegar during the Vietnam War. Lorraine was also preceded in death her parents, Chester and Addie Isaacs; by her husband, Douglas Gene McNeely; by her grandson, Daniel Jones; by her great grandchild, Aiden Blackthorn; by her brothers, Leon Isaacs and Ricky Isaacs and by her sisters, Imogene Foster and Rosetta Isaacs. Funeral services were held on Thursday, November 30th at the Markland Funeral Home in Rising Sun, IN with Pastor Mike Jones officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday, November 30th at Markland Funeral Home. Burial was at Eastview Cemetery in Patriot, IN. Memorial donations can be made to the Posey Township Volunteer Fire Department or Gentiva Hospice. marklandfuneralhome.com.

Mary Louise ‘Lou’ Grimes

Mary Louise “Lou” Grimes, 86, of Madison, Indiana (and recently Indianapolis), passed away at IU West Hospital on Monday, October 30, 2023. Mary Lou was born on July 12, 1937, in Madison, Indiana, the daughter of the late Charles Fredrick & Juanita Jeanette Glass. After several years in the landscaping business, Mary Lou retired and enjoyed playing her Dulcimer, attending church (she loved the organ!), gardening, reading, cards of all kinds and more recently dominos. The most important part of her life, and her greatest joy was her family, friends and pets.



Sports played a big part of her life as well, supporting the Colts, Pacers and Purdue in football and basketball, although finding the right channel they were on was always a chuckle. Survivors include her four children, Donna Mircheff (John), Cathy Grimes, Charles

“Charlie” Grimes (Theresa), Mary Beth Grimes (Jody), brother Robert “Bob” Glass (Judy), grandchildren Erica Miller, Lacey Grimes, Charles Grimes, William “Billy” Grimes, Olivia Overstreet (Donnie), great grandchildren Owen, Ava, Ian, Mia and Cheyanne. Friends may call at the Presbyterian church located at 202 Broadway St, Madison, Indiana for a celebration of life on Saturday, December 9th at noon, with a wake to follow at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your favorite animal shelter in Mary Lou’s memory.



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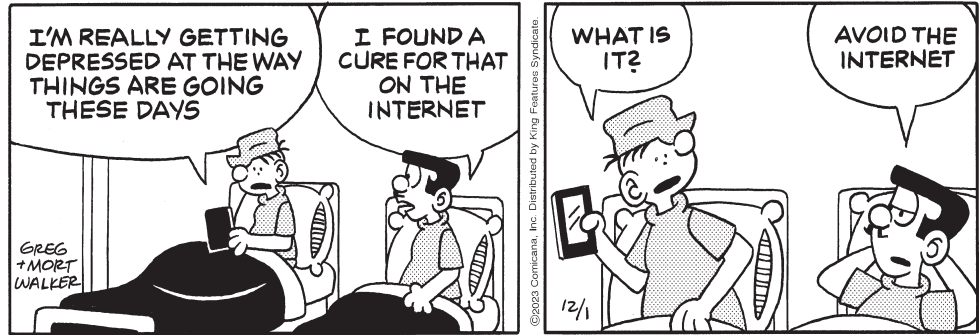


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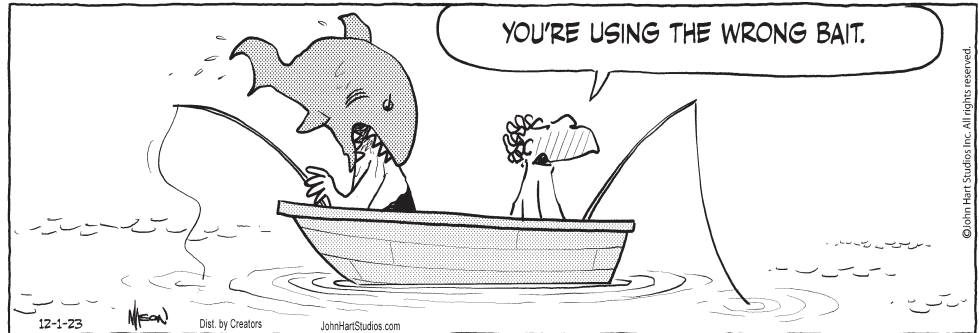
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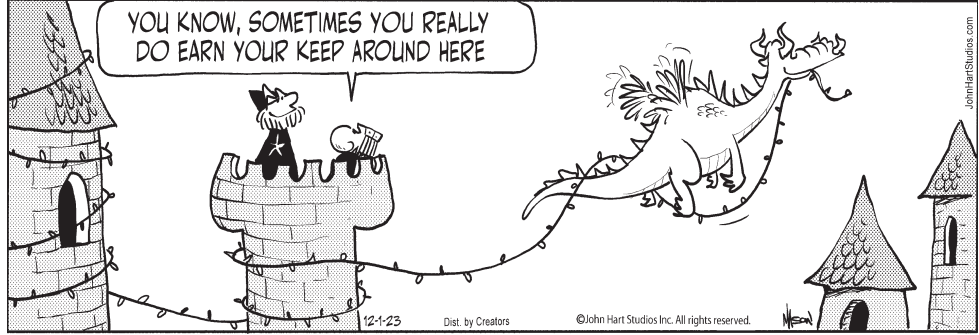
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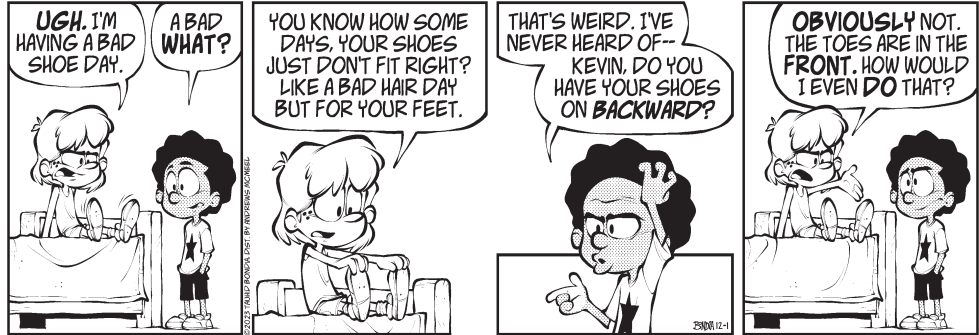
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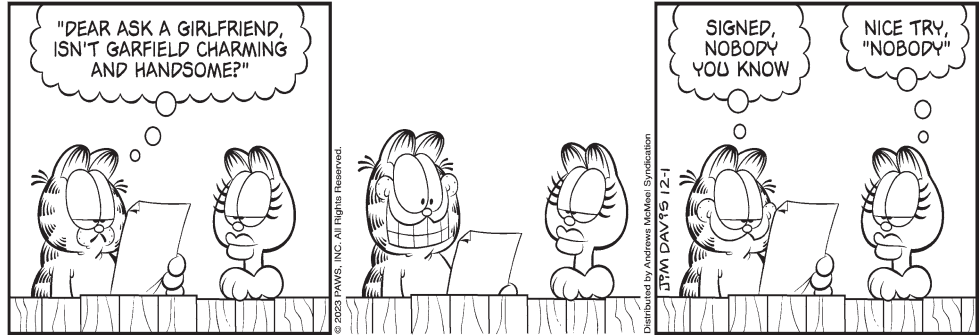
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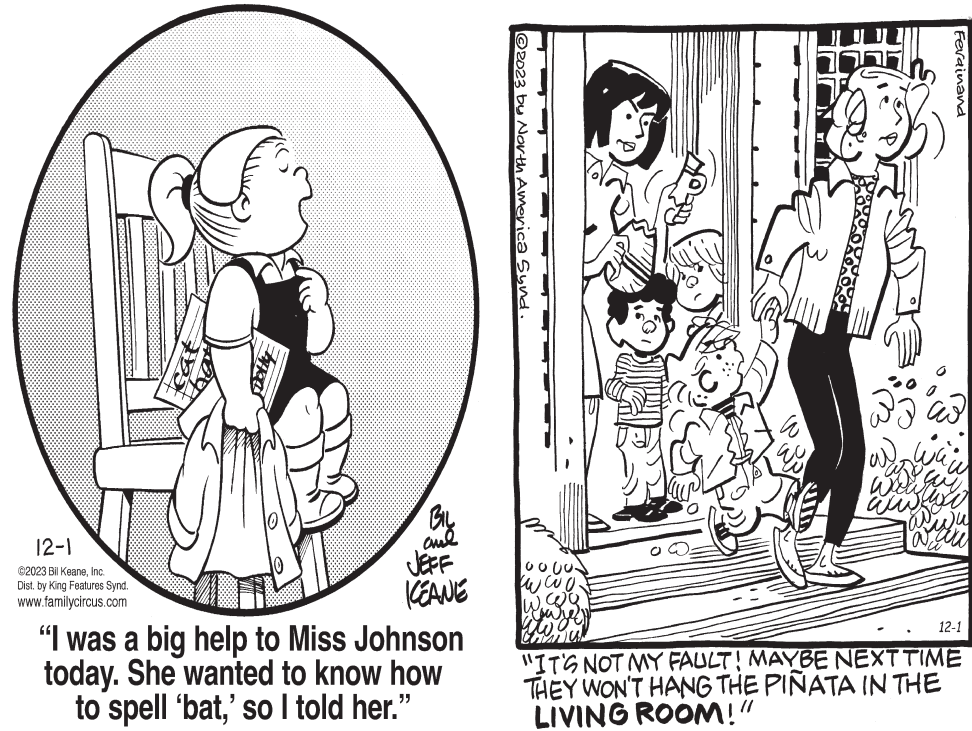


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

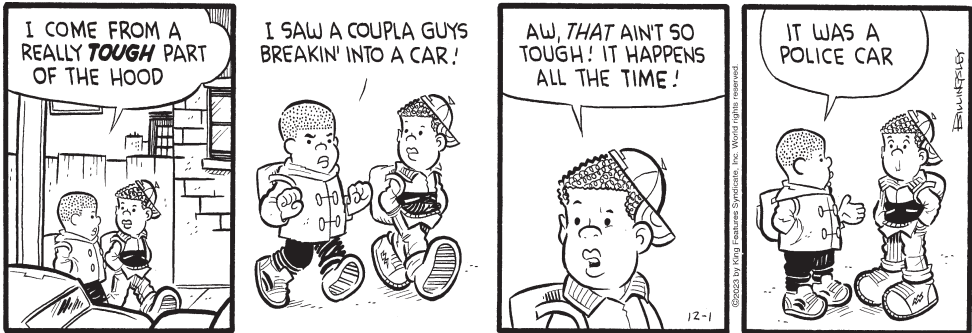
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 1, 1991, Ukrainians voted overwhelmingly for independence from the Soviet Union.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed among John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln sent his Second Annual Message to Congress, in which he called for the abolition of slavery, and went on to say, "Fellow-citizens, we can not escape history. We of this Congress and this Administration will be remembered in spite of ourselves."

In 1941, Japan's Emperor Hirohito approved waging war against the United States, Britain and the Netherlands after his government rejected U.S. demands contained in the Hull Note.

In 1942, during World War II, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States; the goal was not so much to save on gas, but to conserve rubber that was desperately needed for the war effort by reducing the use of tires.

In 1952, the New York Daily News ran a front-page story on Christine Jorgensen's sex-reassignment surgery with the headline, "Ex-GI Becomes Blonde Beauty".

In 1955, Rosa Parks, a Black seamstress, was arrested after refusing to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Alabama, city bus; the incident sparked a year-long boycott of the buses.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the

United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1974, TWA Flight 514, a Washington-bound Boeing 727, crashed in Virginia after being diverted from National Airport to Dulles International Airport; all 92 people on board were killed. On the same day, Northwest Orient Airlines Flight 6231, a Boeing 727, crashed near Stony Point, New York, with the loss of its three crew members (the plane had been chartered to pick up the Baltimore Colts football team in Buffalo, New York).

In 2005, a roadside bomb killed 10 U.S. Marines near Fallujah, Iraq.

In 2009, President Barack Obama ordered 30,000 more U.S. troops into the war in Afghanistan but promised during a speech to cadets at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to begin withdrawals in 18 months.

In 2012, Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher fatally shot his girlfriend, Kasandra Perkins, then drove to Arrowhead Stadium and took his own life in front of the team's coach and general manager.

In 2013, a New York City commuter train rounding a riverside curve derailed, killing four people and injuring more than 70.

In 2017, retired general Michael Flynn, who served as President Donald Trump's first national security adviser, pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump's behalf. (Trump would later pardon Flynn.)

In 2020, disputing President Donald Trump's persistent, baseless claims, Attorney General William Barr

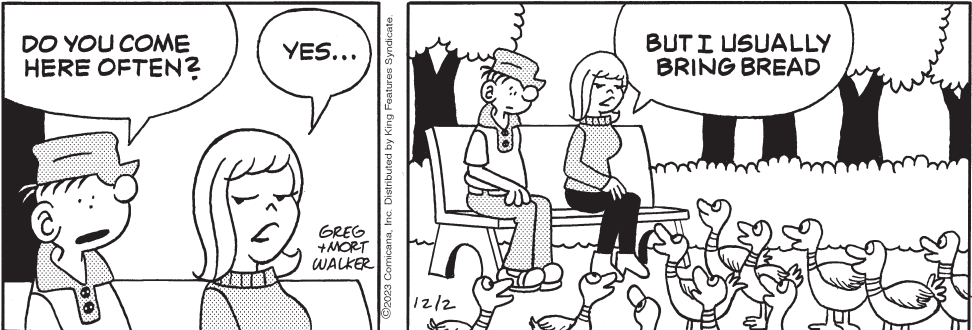
told The Associated Press that the U.S. Justice Department had uncovered no evidence of widespread voter fraud that could change the outcome of the 2020 election.

In 2021, the U.S. recorded its first confirmed case of the omicron variant of the coronavirus, in a vaccinated traveler who returned to California after a trip to South Africa.

In 2022, legislation to avert what could have been an economically ruinous freight rail strike won final approval in Congress as lawmakers responded to President Joe Biden's call for federal intervention in the long-running labor dispute.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Woody Allen is 88. World Golf Hall of Famer Lee Trevino is 84. Singer Dianne Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 84. Television producer David Salzman is 80. Rock singer-musician Eric Bloom (Blue Oyster Cult) is 79. Rock musician John Densmore (The Doors) is 79. Actor-singer Bette Midler is 78. Singer Gilbert O'Sullivan is 77. Former child actor Keith Thibodeaux (TV: "I Love Lucy") is 73. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., is 71. Country singer Kim Richey is 67. Actor Charlene Tilton is 65. Actor-model Carol Alt is 63. Actor Jeremy Northam is 62. Actor Katherine LaNasa is 57. Producer-director Andrew Adamson is 57. Actor Nestor Carbonell is 56. Actor Golden Brooks is 53. Actor-comedian Sarah Silverman is 53. Actor Ron Melendez is 51. Contemporary Christian singer Bart Millard is 51. Actor-writer-producer David Hornsby is 48. Singer Sarah Masen is 48. Rock musician Brad Delson (Linkin Park) is 46. Actor Nate Torrence is 46. Rock/Christian music singer-songwriter Mat Kearney is 45. Actor Riz Ahmed is 41.

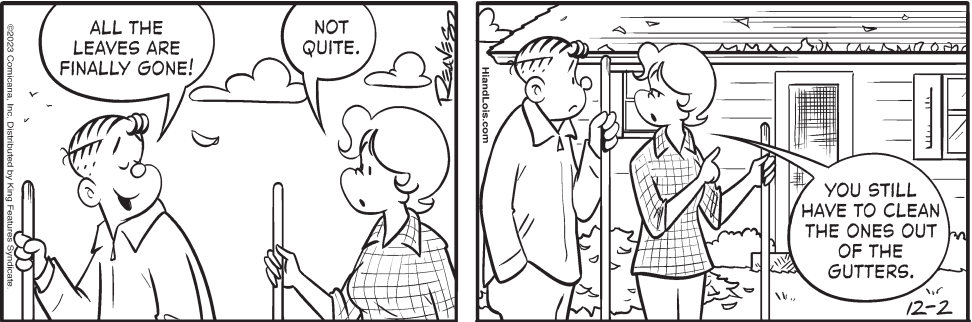
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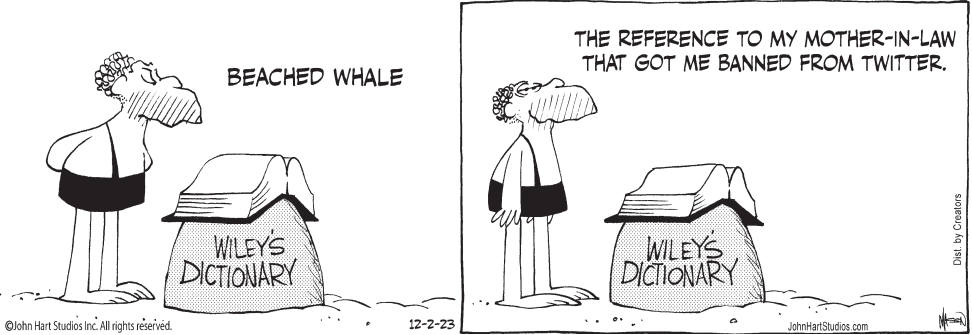
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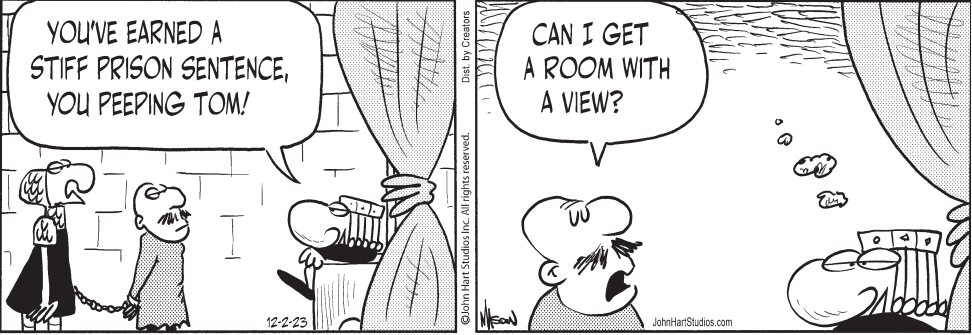
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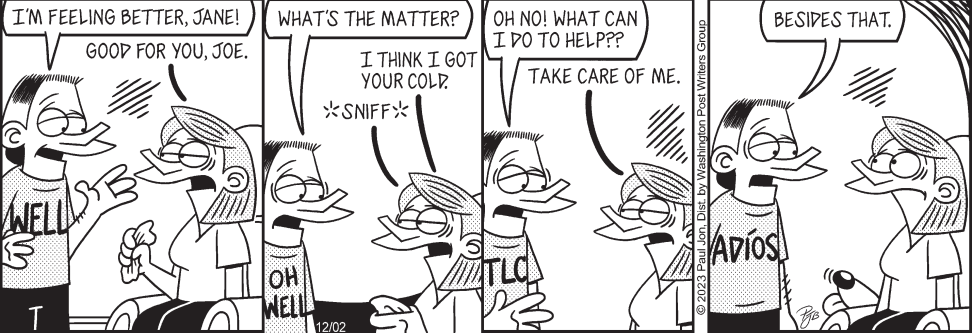
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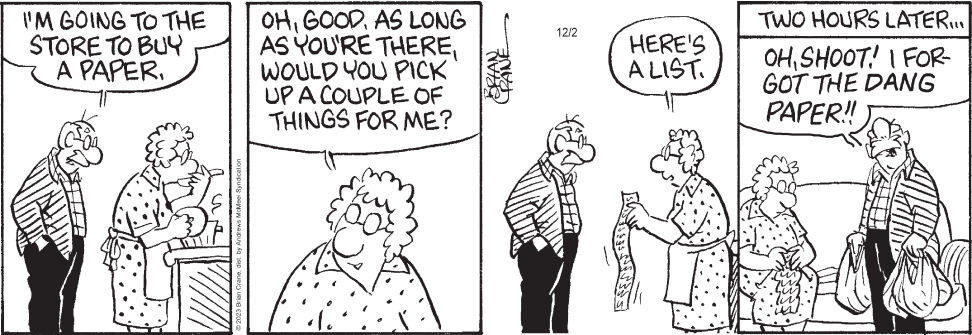
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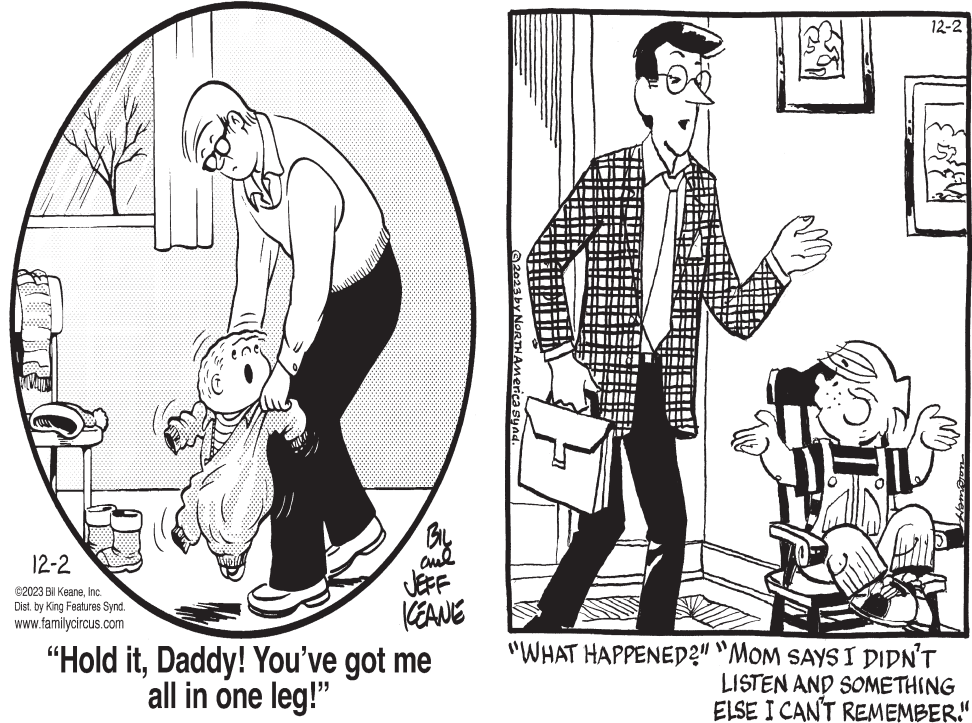


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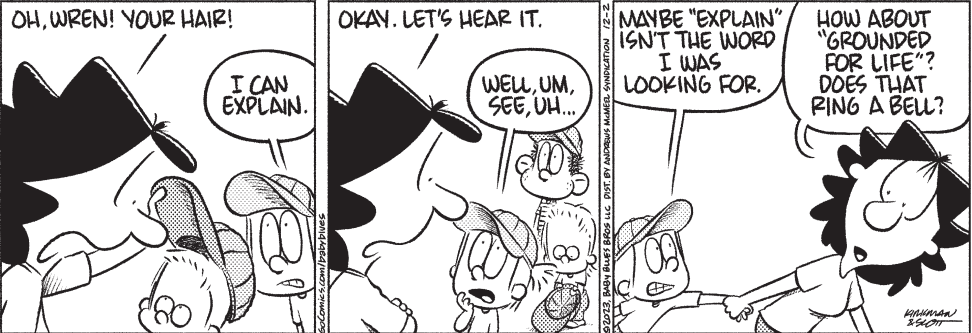
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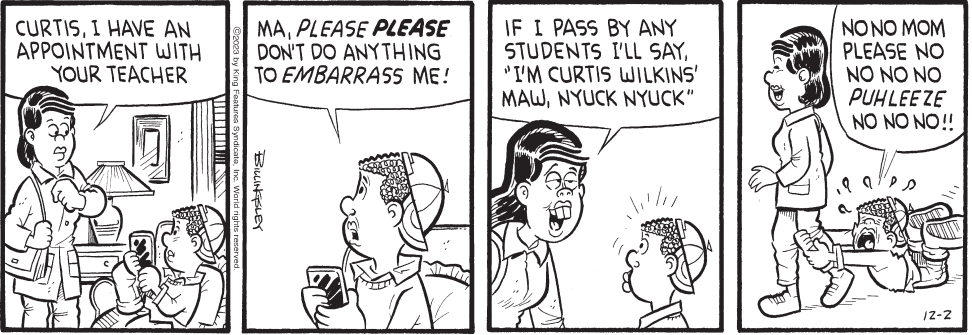
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:
On Dec. 2, 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Republican Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."
On this date:
In 1823, President James Monroe outlined his doctrine opposing European expansion in the Western Hemisphere.
In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October.
In 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.
In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first full-scale commercial nuclear facility in the U.S., began operations.
In 1980, four American churchwomen were raped and murdered in El Salvador. (Five national guardsmen were convicted in the killings.)
In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.
In 1993, Colombian drug lord Pablo Escobar was shot to death by security forces in Medellin.
In 2000, Al Gore sought a recount in South Florida, while George W. Bush flatly asserted, "I'm soon to be the president" and met with GOP congressional leaders.
In 2001, in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for



Chapter 11 protection.
In 2015, a couple loyal to the Islamic State group opened fire at a holiday banquet for public employees in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people and wounding 21 others before dying in a shootout with police.
In 2016, a fire that raced through an illegally converted warehouse in Oakland, California, during a dance party killed 36 people.
In 2018, Israeli police recommended indicting Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on bribery charges, adding to a growing collection of legal troubles for the longtime leader.
In 2020, in a video released on social media, President Donald Trump stood before a White House lectern and delivered a 46-minute diatribe against the election results that produced a win for Democrat Joe Biden, unspooling one misstatement after another to back his baseless claim that he had actually won.
In 2021, Major League Baseball plunged into its first work stoppage in a quarter-century when the sport's collective bargaining agreement expired and owners immediately locked out players. (An agreement would end the lockout after 99 days; the start of the season was delayed by about a week.)
In 2022, Democrats voted to remove Iowa as the leadoff state on the presidential nominating calendar and replace it with South Carolina starting in 2024.
Today's Birthdays:
Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 92. Actor Cathy Lee Crosby is 79. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 78. Actor Ron Raines is 74. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 75. Actor Keith Szarabajka is 71. Actor Dan Butler is 69. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 69. Actor Steven Bauer is 68. Country singer Joe Henry is 63. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 63. Actor Brendan Coyle is 60. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 55. Actor Suzy Nakamura is 55. Actor Rena Sofer is 55. Rock singer Jimi HaHa (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 55. Actor Lucy Liu is 55. U.S. Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough is 54. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 53. Actor Joe Lo Truglio is 53. International Tennis Hall of Famer Monica Seles is 50. Singer Nelly Furtado is 45. Pop singer Britney Spears is 42. Actor-singer Jana Kramer is 40. Actor Yvonne Orji is 40. Actor Daniela Ruah is 40. NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers is 40. Actor Alfred Enoch is 35. Pop singer-songwriter Charlie Puth is 32.

DG Market clears final hurdle at HDBR

BY MARK CAMPBELL
A proposal to develop a DG Market in downtown Madison cleared a final local hurdle Monday when the Madison Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) granted a certificate of appropriateness for changes developer Curt Rafferty wants to make to a former grocery building located at 120 East Second Street.
Rafferty is developing the new grocery at the site of the former Ruler Foods at Second and Mulberry streets. He plans to renovate the 11,730-square-foot, non-contributing, 1950-circa commercial building both inside and outside and make improvements to the property. Once completed, the facility will open as a DG Market, Dollar General's grocery store concept.
Tony Steinhardt III, Madison's director of economic development, said while there have been several renderings of Rafferty's proposal in the past, what was being provided to HDBR Monday reflects "enhanced renderings" after "working collaborative" with the city.
"Curt has been very open to

our thoughts and suggestions on the design of the exterior of this property," Steinhardt said. "You've seen some renderings but what you're seeing tonight are new and enhanced and that's through working collaboratively with us here at the city to get us an outstanding project. I think it will be a model DG Market in the country — one that will bring us some true recognition within their system."
"Curt has worked extremely hard with us to include public art and to include other enhancements related to the site. Some of those enhancements with the city are currently underway and if you drive down there tonight you will see work has begun and we're really excited about this," Steinhardt added.
"With Tony you guys have a great advocate for this city," Rafferty said. "He's been — and Mayor Bob (Courtney) has been — wonderful to work with as well as you so let's continue."
Among the changes Rafferty proposed is replacing the canvas awning at the front of the building with a metal canopy,

modifying the storefront with new doors and windows, adding architectural elements to the cornice of the building including a design feature at the top of the mansard, and constructing a black chain link fence with slats to secure the site and conceal dumpsters and other items from public view on the south side of the building.
The work also includes replacing damaged doors and brickwork, repairing gutters and downspouts, relocating HVAC equipment and removing any non-usable vents and openings on the building. The site will also receive new lighting, have brickwork painted a dark gray with black columns and three murals will be created on the east side of the building adjacent to the Mulberry arts corridor and across the corner from the city's Kindness Mural.
Rafferty is no stranger to Madison and Dollar General. He has owned the Dollar General building at 408 Jefferson Street since October 2007, and has been developing properties with the national retailer for about 20

years. He was also involved in construction of the Dollar General Store at 3691 Clifty Drive in 2018.
Rafferty's enthusiasm for the project was about to extend to the interior of the building when board members noted that the ordinance that gives them authority over changes in the historic district is limited to the exterior of buildings. While the appearance of old homes and businesses is closely regulated in terms of their exteriors, they can be as modern as owners want on the inside.
It was also noted that since the building is non-contributing to the city's historic district, the HDBR is less involved in what Rafferty specifically plans to do with the structure but rather how it fits in with the historic district and complements the city's preservation standards.
"This is a non-contributing structure so to me you can put anything you want there," said HDBR member Owen McCall, one of the board's more hard-line members.
"We just want it to enhance

our historic district," added HDBR chairman Josh Wilber.
"I'm very open to your thoughts and suggestions," said Rafferty.
Downtown Madison has been without a grocery since Ruler Foods closed at the site on March 31, 2018. The building has sat empty since but the city signed an agreement to buy the building for \$525,000 in May 2021 to control the site and began recruiting a new grocery developer. The city's Redevelopment Commission inked an agreement with Rafferty to do just that in June of this year, he received Dollar General approval for the store in September and closed on the property in late October for \$460,000 with price reduced for removal of asbestos tiles.
The HDRB voted 5-0 to approve the certificate of appropriateness and Wilber told Rafferty he was cleared to move forward with the project as soon as he secures building permits.
"This is an excellent project for downtown Madison," Wilber noted.

Official Christmas Card



Grace Grubbs, a fourth grader at Rykers' Ridge Elementary School, was selected as winner of the contest for elementary student to create the artwork for the front of the City of Madison's official Christmas card for 2023.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- EVENTS**
Madison Christmas Celebration
City of Madison — Main Street & Broadway
Saturday, Dec. 2 — 11 a.m.
A Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade, on Main Street will take place beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday with Frank Hayes serving as this year's grand marshal and a special appearance by Santa Claus. The parade will be followed by "A Very Merry Madison Christmas Celebration" at Broadway Street with vendors, free crafts for kids and more until 3 p.m. There will be a trackless train, skating rink and putt-putt golf at no cost. Santa Claus will also join in on the festivities.
- PROGRAMS**
Energy Saving Workshop
Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana
931 Lanier Drive, Madison
A presentation on saving money and energy is open to the public at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana, 931 Lanier Drive, Madison. The presentation, by Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Lisa Huber, will provide information about tools and resources to control energy use and save money on energy bills.
- ENTERTAINMENT**
'A Madison Holiday Tradition'
Madison Performing Arts Foundation
Trinity United Methodist Church
At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Madison Performing Arts Foundation presents the "A Madison Holiday Tradition" at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Louisville Brass ensemble, which includes brass faculty members from the University of Louisville. Free admission.
'A Perfect tree'
Bedford Christian Church
Bedford, Kentucky
- The play, "A Perfect Tree," will be performed at Bedford Christian Church in Bedford, on Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations to Hands of Christ Ministry will be accepted.

Lanier Mansion
Free First Responders
Free tours of the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site will be offered to first responders and their immediate family Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17, as way of showing gratitude. Tours will start daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 601 First St.
- FUNDRAISERS**
Dupont Community Park Playground Fundraiser
Ohio Theatre, Madison
2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3
Austin, Indiana, singer/songwriter Jackson Snelling, of "American Idol" and "The Voice," fame will be performing at the Ohio Theatre, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2-4 p.m., as a fund-raiser for the Dupont Community Park Playground. The event will include photos with Santa, gift basket raffles for adults and children, wildest Christmas sweater contest, Christmas gift table, adult beverages, concessions, hot chocolate table with homemade cookies and more surprises. Doors will open at 1 p.m. Admission is \$10 for 13 and older, and \$5 for 12 and under. There will be a free gift for each child 12 and under admission while supplies last. Online ticket sales are now available on the Dupont Community Park Project Facebook page.
- Book Sale**
Madison-Jefferson County Public Library
420 West Main St, Madison
The Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., Madison



The Historic Eagle Cotton Mill Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott along the Madison riverfront.
Handout

Cotton Mill added to Historic Hotels of America

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The Historic Eagle Cotton Mill has been inducted into the Historic Hotels of America, the official program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.
The Historic Eagle Cotton Mill, operating as a Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, is one of more than 300 hotels and resorts throughout the nation that is recognized by Historic Hotels of America for preserving and maintaining its historic integrity, architecture, and ambiance.
To be selected for membership in Historic Hotels of America, a hotel must be at least 50 years old; been designated by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior as a National Historic Landmark or listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places; and recognized as having historic significance.
"Historic Hotels of America is delighted to induct The Historic Eagle Cotton Mill, a boutique hotel originally built as a Cotton Mill in 1884 and restored and adapted to a hotel in 2021," said Lawrence Horwitz, executive vice president of Historic Hotels of America and Historic Hotels Worldwide. "We commend The Historic Eagle Cotton Mill, the ownership group of Cotton Mill LLC, and leadership team at Dora Hospitality LLC for their careful historic preservation work, stewardship and vision that will allow future generations of travelers to experience this unique historic destination."
The hotel, which has been franchised with Marriott International as a Fairfield Inn & Suites, has kept many elements of the original building; including wood from the staircase that was reclaimed to make up the bar in the lobby, and many of the

original beams still bear carvings from the largely female workforce, and all the artwork in the building was commissioned from local artists and photographers to show the original building, employees, river barges, and Madison Main street from the late 1800s and early 1900s.
The building is rich in history and architectural integrity. The Cotton Mill began its life in 1884 as a factory along the Ohio River, producing twine and fabric that was then shipped down the Ohio River in barges and riverboats, which can still be seen cruising along the river as guests look out the custom 13-foot-high windows in each guest room. In 1940, Meese Inc. bought the factory and began making canvas goods and combat gear during World War II. The Mill was abandoned in 1980 and sat vacant for more than 40 years until the current owners revitalized it as a hotel.
"The Fairfield Inn and Suites project rescued one of Madison's most important landmarks, the historic Eagle Cotton Mill," said Marsh Davis, president & CEO of Indiana Landmarks, the statewide historic preservation organization. "The entire development team deserves the highest praise and we were pleased to honor the project with our inaugural Renaissance Award, which recognizes the restoration of outstanding properties across the state."
"Gaining the designation of a Historic Property and becoming a member of the Historic Hotels of America has been a goal for the team for some time. This building has over 139 years of history in this town so it makes perfect sense that we join this prestigious organization," said General Manager Victoria Perry.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2023
NOON TO 3 PM, @THE BROWN GYM

Community Foundation’s 2024 scholarship applications now open

BY THE COURIER STAFF
The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County (CFMJC) scholarship applications for the Class of 2024 are now open. The foundation is also currently accepting applications for the Carolyn Bruce Spicer & Gene E. Spicer Nursing Scholarship.

Online applications for each will be accepted until noon on Friday, Feb. 9, 2024.

This past spring, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$193,000 to the Class of 2023 in Jefferson County.

To apply, students must create a profile and complete the online application available at the link provided on the Community Foundation’s Scholarship page at www.cfmjc.org. On the platform, students will see a listing of available scholarships and may view more eligibility details for each application.

“We are fortunate to have so many generous donors interested in helping Jefferson County students reach the next level of their educational goals,” said Community Foundation Program Associate Julie Wells, who oversees the Foundation’s scholarship process.

SPICER NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is

open to registered nurses living in Jefferson, Clark, Jennings, Ripley, Scott and Switzerland counties in Indiana or Carroll and Trimble counties in Kentucky who have their associate degree in nursing and are planning to pursue their bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Carolyn Bruce Spicer was a nurse for 45 years, and she and her husband, Gene, wanted this endowment to help area nurses attain the next level of their education. The endowment also awards a scholarship to a Madison Consolidated High School senior planning to pursue an associate or bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Applicants must create a profile and complete the online application available at <https://cfm-jcscholarships.communityforce.com>.

“We thank Carolyn and Gene for helping registered nurses in the area reach the next level of their educational goals,” said Community Foundation Program Associate Julie Wells, who oversees the Scholarship process.

Wells shared some tips to help students put their “best foot forward” as they apply for scholarships:

- Don’t wait until the last minute to submit

your application. Many scholarships require items to be submitted on your behalf by teachers, counselors, etc. before the deadline.

- Read and follow all instructions.
- Complete the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible in order to upload the Student Aid Index (SAI) page of the report to be eligible for scholarships considering financial need.
- Personally contact teachers, employers, etc. from whom you would like a letter of recommendation and ask them if they would submit a letter on your behalf.
- Contact the Community Foundation staff members if you experience technical issues prior to the application deadline date.

Established in 1991, the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County fulfills the mission of building a strong, vibrant community by helping donors provide perpetual funding for the people, projects, and passions of Jefferson County.

For more information about Community Foundation scholarships, visit www.cfmjc.org/scholarships/ or contact Julie Wells at 812-274-0945 or by email julie@cfmjc.org.

TCHS gets equipment to expand Law and Public Safety Career Path

Program is 1 of 2 in region

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Aware that the Kentucky State Police Post 5 in Campbellsburg was upgrading its 911 dispatch system, Bedford Fire Chief Will McCoy suggested that the surplus equipment could be a good addition to the Law and Public Safety Career Path at Trimble County High School.

The career path is a component of the Career and Technical Education curriculum at Trimble County. The surplus equipment will enable students to train and react to simulated real life 911 emergencies using real equipment.

Students completing the career path will be career ready to serve as emergency dispatcher. Students can be hired as dispatchers at age 18 with starting salaries around \$41,000. “There is a great need for dispatchers,” said Tiua Chilton, who teaches the course.

The 911 dispatch system joins simulated driving equipment, which enables students to choose from a variety of vehicle types to train under simulated circumstances they might encounter in a law enforcement setting. With the cruiser and firetruck settings there are sirens and radio communications going on in the background, just like in real life situations.

Students following that career path also have access to a simulated firing range that provides practice at both stationary and moving targets. Stu-



Cindy Warrick

Trimble County Superintendent Todd Neace checks out a simulated driving program as SRO Lonnie Gullion looks on. The equipment, part of the Law and Public Safety Career Path at Trimble County High School, allows students to train under simulated circumstances they might encounter in a law enforcement setting.

dents are taught proper weapon techniques and shoot/don’t shoot decision-making skills with a simulated Glock handgun that is typical of what is used in law enforcement.

Students are issued actual police gun belts containing training weapons — a molded Glock handgun — training handcuffs, baton, radio, training flashlight, training pepper spray and a training taser. They are then taught proper techniques for weapon handling, handcuffing, suspect searches, traffic stops, DUI field sobriety tests, felon traffic stops, etc.

Trimble School Resource Officer Lonnie Gullion said the belts and equipment very closely

simulate the actual equipment used by officers. “Each belt can weigh over 25 to 30 pounds in addition to the body armor typically worn,” Gullion said.

The Law and Public Safety Career Path includes four courses: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement, Health and Well being for Law Enforcement (not offered and being replaced by another class in August of 2024), and Criminal Investigation (being offered in August 2024). This year is the third year for the program at Trimble County and is only one of only two in this area.

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The agreement also includes a decommissioning document that outlines Aypa Power’s role and responsibilities when decommissioning the facility at the end of its life span, estimated to be 25 years.

There is also a road condition document in which the nearby roads will be assessed prior to construction, and if there is any damage to those roads or to the right-of-ways Aypa Power must repair them at their expense.

Council member Dwayne May expressed concern that while the company expects to create 50 plus construction jobs during the build of the facility, it will be an unmanned site once operational and not require any workers or provide any local jobs.

“My understanding of an abatement was that you give an abatement to businesses that will provide employment for the county” which will not be the case with the battery storage facility, May said, noting that is “a little bit of a concern.”

Ian Evans, Aypa Power’s senior development manager, said it is projected the battery storage facility will have “one full-time equivalent employee.” He said even though the project will not “provide long term employees like a factory would, it does provide a heavy initial investment.

“No project, no matter what the circumstance is at \$150 million of personal property investment, is going to survive that if you’re paying full personal property taxes which is why the abatement structure is the way that it is,” Evans said. “If we were to not be given an abatement, the project frankly would not happen. There’s just no way to make the project pencil.”

John Hutchinson, chair of the Jefferson County Democratic Party, voiced concern that the county will lose out on potentially \$1.6 million in annual property taxes, noting the \$375,000 abatement is a difference of \$1.2 million in lost taxes that could benefit residents of Jefferson County Hutchinson said it’s a scenario that is “not comforting” particularly as a former superintendent of Southwestern Jefferson County Schools who knows well

the funding needs of local schools.

Evans once again said the project would not happen without the abatement. “Because of heavy initial capital investment of \$150 million, the full property tax rate on the personal property, we would not be able to pay that in full,” he said.

Tim Ochs, an attorney in real estate law with Ice Miller Legal Counsel, suggested that whatever may be considered lost taxes is a moot point because if the full tax rate is required, the battery storage facility is “not going to be built anyway.”

Commissioner David Bramer offered his support for the project. “If we want to continue to move forward with some economic development, this will allow us some funds to do things in the future,” Bramer said, noting “the previous funding mechanism for economic development” riverboat gambling revenue from Switzerland County “has continued to decline year after year.”

Council member Gary Copeland said he’s “personally excited about it. I feel like we need the revenue and this could attract other possibilities.”

Council president Ray Black Jr. agreed. “I personally think it’s a great opportunity for our county to increase that property value,” Black said. “We’re going to get some financial gain as a county, and it’s going to hopefully set us up for other economic development projects in the future. I would strongly endorse it.”

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, who also attended the meeting, said economic development has changed in the last 10 to 15 years. “It’s not just the jobs but the investment attraction; attracting that capital to your community because it will generate additional revenue for you that you can use for other investment and business attraction activities,” Courtney said. “That’s really the main purpose. It will attract additional investment in the future.”

Courtney noted the economic development agreement “creates a steady stream of tax revenue throughout the first 10 years (with the \$375,000 abatement), then after the first 10 years it’s full business and property tax. So, what you’re really looking at is a stream of millions of dollars of new revenue coming in off this

major investment, relative to the value proposition you have right now which is farm land” that would not be able to create such a great investment.

“As we work with Commissioners on our own economic development strategies, it will bring more investment to the county and to the city of Madison,” the Mayor said. “The way it’s structured is very thoughtful and will create millions of dollars of new revenue that you haven’t had in the past that you will have in the future.”

May also voiced some concerns about fire safety with the battery storage facility.

Ochs said he’s been with the project since its inception — started initially by Open Road Renewables — and worked through the zoning with the Madison’s Board of Zoning Appeals because the property is within the city’s buffer zone. During those negotiations, detailed operational plans were established with the fire departments to provide annual training and an emergency plan for the fire departments. “That was something we had to work through before the Board of Zoning Appeals was willing to give this project its approval,” Ochs said.

Evans said in the event of a fire, the battery storage facility “is designed to burn out where it is, and stay contained. That’s the way they’re designed.”

County Highway Superintendent Bobby Phillips asked whether the battery storage facility would provide power to Jefferson County in the event of a power outage.

Evans noted that having the battery storage facility in Jefferson County “adds grid stability.” He said the batteries will be “charging during off peak hours when there’s not a high demand for electricity, and discharging during peak hours when there is a demand” but where that energy goes will likely ultimately be determined by “a bilateral contract with some off taker.”

Evans said Duke Energy is the line owner at the location of the battery storage facility, so that provides the possibility that it could go to Duke Energy. “It goes into the grid, and where it goes from there we don’t have any way of telling, but it would add local grid reliability and stability, and that’s kind of the purpose of the batteries for the off takers.”

Alternatives To Traditional Long Term Care Policies



Layin’ it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad
Retirement Planning/
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Navigating Long-Term Care: New Avenues for Protection

Long-term care (LTC) is a daunting subject for many. Historically, there were limited avenues for managing LTC costs, with most relying on personal savings or steep insurance premiums. In an era where LTC costs are skyrocketing, there’s a growing need for diverse protection options. Thankfully, recent innovations in annuities and life insurance provide promising solutions.

Understanding the LTC Landscape

The significance of planning for LTC cannot be understated. In the US, 69% of individuals aged 65 are likely to develop disabilities, with 35% eventually needing some level of nursing home care. The expenses tied to such care are overwhelming: the *US Department of Health and Human Services* reports an average cost of \$6,844 monthly for a semi-private room in a nursing home and \$7,698 for a private room. Home health care, although an alternative, isn’t cheap either, averaging nearly \$50,000 annually for just 40 hours of weekly care.

Given these facts, most US citizens find traditional LTC

options unaffordable.

Innovative Options: Annuities and Life Insurance with LTC Riders

For those unacquainted, modern annuities and life insurance policies often come with LTC riders — a provision that extends additional benefits. While these aren’t replacements for long-term care insurance, they offer an attractive alternative.

Insurance firms generally classify illnesses into two: chronic or terminal. Depending on this categorization, benefits vary. Some noteworthy advantages of these products are:

- **Access to Full Cash Value:** Certain policies permit you to use your entire cash value without penalties, especially if diagnosed with terminal illness or confined to care facilities.
- **Sustained Cash Value:** Some policies, equipped with “income accounts,” can fund long-term care for over six years, maintaining your cash value.
- **Multiplicative Effects:** Some annuities can double or triple your cash value from the outset, earmarking it for diverse LTC needs.

While traditional LTC insurance can be exorbitantly priced, especially if purchased later in life, these alternatives might offer more value.

Making the Right Choice

It’s paramount to consult with a financial planner or insurance agent. These professionals will help tailor recommendations to fit your unique needs, ensuring you get the most suitable product.

The advantage of these new products? They come with a guarantee. **Certain fixed annuities**, like “fixed indexed annuities” with riders for chronic and terminal illnesses, offer LTC benefits without diminishing the annuity’s value and guaranteeing monthly income. This assurance is invaluable, ensuring funds are readily available amid a health crisis.

The challenge of affording long-term care in today’s world is undeniable. However, innovations in annuities and life insurance with LTC riders provide a glimmer of hope. With careful planning and consultation, these products may offer robust protection against escalating LTC costs. Don’t wait. Explore these avenues and safeguard your future.

Don’t let escalating long-term care costs catch you unprepared. Explore modern annuities and life insurance with LTC riders today. Consult with professionals to find the best fit for your needs and secure your future!

- **LTC Landscape:** 69% of 65-year-olds in the US will likely experience disabilities, with 35% requiring nursing home care.
- **High Costs:** Average monthly costs for semi-private and private nursing rooms are \$6,844 and \$7,698, respectively. Home care averages \$50,000 or more annually.
- **Modern Solutions:** Annuities and life insurance policies with LTC riders present alternative protection options.

- **Benefits:** Immediate access to full cash value for terminal illnesses or care confinement. Maintenance of cash value while funding long-term care. Potential to double or triple cash value for LTC needs.

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TCHS

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Chilton teaches the law enforcement career with frequent assistance from Trimble County Sheriff Charlie Kelton and SRO Gullion. Teachers in the curriculum must have spent time in law enforcement. Chilton is a former police chief — the students call her “Chief Chilton” — with more than 23 years of sworn police service and four years of police dispatch service prior to that for a total of 28 years in law enforcement.

In addition to being how to safely handle equipment and suspects, students are taught how to use the proper alpha numeric codes used for communication by law enforcement.

A body sized, 165-pound dummy, dubbed “Trimble Terry” by the students, is used to train on rescuing victims from emergency situations. Sheriff Kelton has placed one of his police cruisers at the school for simulated exercises.

“We are thrilled to have this well-equipped department as part of our career



Cindy Warrick

Trimble County Superintendent Todd Neace (right) observes as instructor Tiua Chilton (left) and School Resources Officer Lonnie Gullion work with student Johanna Simmons (sitting) on a driving range simulators that is part of the Law and Public Safety Career Path at Trimble County High School.

path learning modules,” high school Principal Kerri Stewart said. “It is a strong component of their growth and awareness in this area.”

SHOW

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HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

It looks like there are TWO open mic opportunities on Thursday, so if you’ve been wanting to try out that new song in front of an audience, this is your chance. On Saturday Thomas Family Winery has a Celtic band on tap, and that kind of music just pairs beautifully with Steve’s wine and the warm and cozy atmosphere they’ve created there. Highly recommend. And then looking out to next Tuesday, the annual Holiday Concert by the Louisville Brass will be at Trinity Methodist Church at 7 p.m. These Performing Arts Foundation shows are always free, and always entertaining. Put it on your calendar now.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired



Charlie Rohlfing

From left, Dawn Jines, Anne Saxe and Chuck Requet are shown.

advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

THIS WEEK IN MUSIC
Friday, Dec. 1
Rivertown Grill — Jordan Wilson Coalition
Saturday, Dec. 2
Rivertown Grill — No Name Band

Thomas Family Winery — Clogcheann
Off Broadway Taproom — Radio Face
Fairgrounds — For the Love of Bluegrass (& Gospel & Country) 2 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Rivertown Grill — TBA
Ohio Theatre — Jackson Snelling (1 p.m.)
Tuesday, Dec. 5
Trinity Methodist — Louisville Brass

FEEDING

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Although BackSacks started in the church, Huntington emphasizes, “It’s not a Presbyterian thing. It’s a community thing” that involves people from other churches and “just people we know” who have joined in the effort.

“I just think it’s the right thing to do because there are children that are deprived that have lack of food on the weekends,” said Huntington.

When the group’s work began, the program served 25 students at Madison Junior High School. “We thought we were big stuff, then the next year it was 100 students, then 200 and more than 300 as each of the other elementary schools were gradually added, and as the demand became greater.

“Part of it is the economy and the cost of food,” said Huntington. “I think people are struggling out there. It’s sad. Hopefully, we’re helping, if nothing else.”

Huntington said student eligibility for BackSacks is determined by school officials and targets those who receive partial or free lunches.

“What the schools do is they send home permission slips and parents have to sign up in order to partake in the program. It’s not our requirement. It’s the school requirement,” said Huntington.

Once the schools determine eligible students, “we have a number, and that’s what we do, we deal with the number” to determine the number of sacks needed, said Huntington. “They get the students. They know who the students are, and we do not,” said Huntington. “I have no interest in knowing who they are,” just in doing our part to help.

She estimates food costs

for the program run about \$50,000 annually, all financed through donations. With rising food prices, that total is continually climbing and making it more challenging to meet expenses. “When I go to order something that costs me 25 cents more, you have to multiply by that by 300,” Huntington noted.

“We struggle on that, but when we’ve gotten low on money, God provides for us,” she said. “Somehow something comes through. Don’t question it. Just say thank you. That’s my rule.”

Huntington said BackSacks doesn’t accept food donations — only money — so the program can be consistent in sending home food that’s nutritional and usable.

“Some want to give us food but that doesn’t work because I need over 300 pieces of the same thing because each student should get about the same thing,” she said, adding the items need to be food the students can actually consume without a lot of preparation such as microwave meals and items they can prepare for themselves.

Huntington said there are approximately 25 people who volunteer but no one keeps tabs on who will show up on Thursday mornings when food items are sacked. “Nobody has to call and tell they will or won’t be there,” she said, adding there have been times when it seemed like they might be short of people when suddenly more volunteers show up. “It’s a God thing because I always have enough people.”

Most of the volunteers are retirees, which she attributes to the fact that they are often available on Thursday mornings when younger people are likely at work. “We can always can use volunteers. We never turn anybody away.”

She said the BackSacks program benefits more than just the children serve and the volunteers make light enjoyable work of the operation.

“It’s a benefit to us,” Huntington said, noting there is joy in volunteering and the volunteers have fun working together. “If you don’t want to have fun, don’t come because we have fun. We’ll laugh and bring donuts in, and share news about what’s ever is going on in town, and sometimes afterwards a few of us will go out and have lunch together. I think we get more out of it than we give in so many ways.”

The work of BackSacks continued even through the COVID-19 pandemic, a time when students were away from school and perhaps even more reliant on the program.

“We worked through the whole thing, all of us masked, and we still did it,” said Huntington, noting the volunteers chose to work during the pandemic because the children still needed food.

Huntington said sadly what they’re doing through BackSacks doesn’t resolve the overall problem of hunger. “We can’t fix it, but we can help. That’s the only thing we can do and that’s what we have set out to do. We do what we can. We really don’t change the world but we have to change a corner in the world of what we can.”

Donations to BackSacks can be made to HOH/BackSacks, 100 East Second St. Madison, Indiana, 47250. There is also demand for plastic sacks to carry food items. Bags, new or used as long as they are clean, can be dropped off Thursdays on the back side of the Clearinghouse building while volunteers are there from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Rebels' Crawford sets school record

Madison sweeps swim meet in Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF
Southwestern's Natalee Crawford set a new school record in the 100-yard freestyle — her second record-setting event of her freshman season — but Madison claimed a team sweep in a swim meet held in Hanover on Tuesday.

Crawford, who had Southwestern's only win on the night, actually broke the record while placing second to Madison's Reilly Kuppler. Crawford touched the pad in 57.72 to break Julia Worchester's mark set two years ago.

Earlier in the meet, Crawford had won the 200 individual medley in 2:25.83 and last month she broke the Rebels' 50-yard freestyle record with a time of 26.35 in a meet at New Albany.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn, the Hilltoppers' lone participant in the event, also broke a school record while winning the 100 backstroke in 1:02.36. He was also second in the 200 freestyle in 1:57.86.

Overall, Madison's girls won six events to claim a pair of team firsts, 108-44 over Southwestern and 91-74 over Jennings County. Jennings beat Southwestern 98-52.

Madison's boys won nine events and defeated Southwestern 114-3, Shawe 109-10 and Jennings County 109-30. Jennings defeated Southwestern 60-5 and Shawe 56-12.

"We had a great meet tonight. Considering that we were late starting practice because of pool issues, we were very pleased with the efforts tonight," Southwestern coach Shelly Anderson said. "This was an encouraging meet tonight."

Madison sophomore Lilly



David Campbell

Madison's Lilly Canada (left) and Southwestern's Raygan Crawford (right) share a fist bump after finishing the 100-yard butterfly on Tuesday at Southwestern. Canada won the event in 1:03.91 while Crawford placed third in 1:14.06.



David Campbell

Southwestern freshman Natalee Crawford set a new school record in the 100-yard freestyle during the Rebels' home swim meet on Tuesday. Crawford touched the pad in 57.72 to break Julia Worchester's mark set two years ago while finishing second to Madison's Reilly Kuppler at 56.28.

Canada and Kuppler played a part in all of Madison's wins on the girls side. Canada won the 100 butterfly in 1:03.91 and the 100 backstroke in 1:03.48 while Kuppler claimed the 50 freestyle in 26.63 and the 100 freestyle in 56.28. They also teamed with Avery Johnson and Annalise Roney to win the 200 medley relay in 2:01.43 and the 200 freestyle relay in 1:54.97.

Camdyn Sever had four wins to lead the Madison boys.

Sever won the 200 freestyle in 1:54.65 and the 100 freestyle in 49.87 and then teamed with Graham Klein, Max Thompson and Kyle Roney to win the 200 medley relay in 1:54.89 and the 200 free relay in 1:44.09.

Graham Klein won the 100 butterfly in 59.15 for Madison, Thompson won the 200 individual medley in 2:22.11, Roney won the 50 freestyle in 24.40, Garrett Klein won the 500 freestyle in 5:44.15 and Cole Goodknight won the 100 breast-

stroke in 1:16.84. The 400 freestyle relay team of Trenton Schafer, Tucker Whitaker, Goodknight and Garrett Klein won in 4:09.14.

Other top finishes for Madison's girls were: Emma Wynn, second, 200 free, 2:25.42 and third, 100 free, 1:06.15; Roney, second, 200 IM, 2:38.44 and second, 100 breast, 1:23.91; Penelope Bibb, second, 500 free, 6:38.83; Wynn, Carolyn Mahoney, Kira Brittain and Bibb, second, 400 free relay, 4:11.33; and Johnson, third, 200 IM, 2:40.52 and third, 100 back, 1:09.05.

Other top finishes for Madison's boys were: Roney, second, 100 fly, 1:04.99; Graham Klein, second, 100 back, 1:02.73; Schafer, second, 500 free, 6:30.22; Goodknight, Owain Kelsey, Garrett Klein and Whitaker, second, 200 medley relay, 2:03.77; Whitaker, third, 100 free, 1:04.74; Thompson, third, 100 backstroke, 1:04.79; and Kelsey, third, 100 breast, 1:27.60.

Other top finishes for Southwestern's girls were: Raygan Crawford, Alexis Dean-Wells, Riley Crawford and Natalee Crawford, second, 200 free relay, 2:00.43; Riley Craw-

ford, third, 200 free, 2:27.76 and third, 50 free, 29.60; Raygan Crawford, third, 100 fly, 1:14.06; and Raygan Crawford, Adalei Watson, Natalee Crawford and Riley Crawford, third, 200 medley relay, 2:16.23.

Southwestern's Forrest Deutscher placed sixth in the boys 50 freestyle in 45.44 and teammate Robert De Paz Gonzalez was seventh in the 50 free in 51.04.

On Monday, Madison and Switzerland County competed in the 10-team girls Charleston Invitational. Madison won five events and scored 259 points to win the event. Switzerland County was eighth with 69 points.

"This is a great test for our girls to compare themselves against teams they will compete against at the Sectionals in February," Madison coach John Schutte said. "There is a lot of work to be done until the Sectional swim meet, but this gave the girls an opportunity to establish a base to work towards a goal."

Canada and Kuppler again combined for all of Madison's wins. Canada won the 50

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Smith flirts with triple-double as No. 1 Purdue routs Texas Southern

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue coach Matt Painter understood Braden Smith was chasing history Tuesday night.

He just wasn't going to let it happen by running up the stats.

For the second time this season, Smith flirted with posting the second triple-double in the Boilermakers' storied history, settling instead for leading newly minted No. 1 Purdue to a 99-67 rout over Texas Southern.

Smith finished with 19 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds after having one board added with a postgame scoring change.

Joe Barry Carroll, a No. 1 pick in the NBA draft, is the only Purdue player to achieve the feat, which came in December 1977.

"There's nothing wrong with it if he's still in the game," Painter said. "But once you take somebody out, you don't cheat the game. You don't put him back in to get a record, which is really cool, right? I want him to get it, but not at the expense of the other coach."

Just 2 1/2 weeks ago, Smith joked he was upset he didn't get his shot at a triple-double when he had 11 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds in a blow-out win over Morehead State.

This time, he even faked putting himself back in the game, a move that made Painter chuckle.

Zach Edey added 15 points and six rebounds as the Boilermakers (7-0) extended the nation's longest regular-season winning streak against non-conference opponents to 31 games. Purdue was playing for the first time since ascending to No. 1 in the nation Monday after taking home the Maui Invitational title by winning three games in three days against teams ranked among the top 11 last week.

The Tigers (0-7) were led by Zytarious Mortle

with 25 points and six rebounds. Preseason conference player of the year P.J. Henry scored 10.

Texas Southern has dropped eight straight, including last season's NCAA Tournament loss to the same Fairleigh Dickinson team that upset top-seeded Purdue a few days later.

But containing Edey — and Smith — proved too difficult.

"He's tough on the offensive end of the floor, and he's gritty on the defensive end," Tigers coach Johnny Jones said of Smith. "I think he has almost like a football toughness about him."

Purdue scored the first

13 points before Texas Southern managed to fight back within 31-24 late in the first half. But after scoring the final five points to take a 44-29 lead at the break, the Boilermakers went on a 14-0 run early in the second to build a 60-33 lead.

BIG PICTURE

Texas Southern: Yes, the team went winless on its opening seven-game road trip. But the three-time defending Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament champs played Arizona State, Virginia, Creighton and Purdue. And the Tigers' last three foes were all NCAA Tournament teams

last March. Clearly, better days lie ahead for the league's preseason favorite.

Purdue: Painter's team didn't play its best half after returning from Hawaii, but the Boilermakers didn't need to. They kept their school-record winning streak against non-league foes intact by completing their third straight undefeated November.

UP NEXT

Purdue plays at Big Ten foe Northwestern on Friday, where the Boilermakers lost in February the last time they were ranked No. 1 (**TV:** Live on BTN at 9 p.m.).

SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 1

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys hosts Valley, 6 p.m.
Shawe girls host Southwestern, 6 p.m.
Madison boys at Jennings Co., 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Southwestern, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Clarksville, 7:30 p.m.
Hanover women at Washington U, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison, Switzerland Co.,
Fugate Invite at Scottsburg, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2

BASKETBALL

Hanover men at Earlham, 1 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Christian Academy, 1:30 p.m.
Hanover women vs. DePauw at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Holmes, 6:30 p.m.
Madison boys at Corydon, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys at Columbus East, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Medora, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys host Switzerland Co., 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison hosts Madison Invite, 8:30 a.m.
Shawe, Southwestern, Lawrenceburg Invite, 10 a.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Lanesville, 10 a.m.

WRESTLING

Madison girls, TBA
Madison, Switzerland Co.,
Fugate Invite at Scottsburg, 8 a.m.
Madison boys, Old Barn Brawl at Southridge, 8 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 4

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys at Cornerstone Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

BASKETBALL

Madison girls host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Madison Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Carroll Co., 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Floyd Central, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Switzerland catches fire to knock off Milan 57-35

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County blew open a close game with a 21-2 third quarter run and rolled to a 57-35 win over Milan at home in girls basketball on Tuesday.

The Pacers found themselves locked in a tie game, 24-24, at halftime but used that big third quarter blitz to claim their first Ohio River Valley Conference win of the season.

Courtney Higgins had 14 points, three assists and five steals for the Pacers while Bri Stow also had 14 points. Halle Archer had six points, six rebounds, four assists and four steals and Lauren Smith had six points and seven rebounds.

Switzerland, now 4-3 overall and 1-0 in the ORVC, hosted Gallatin County on Thursday and travels to Christian Academy of Indiana on Saturday. The Pacers then host Carroll County on Tuesday.

TRIMBLE GIRLS OPEN WITH WIN

Trimble County's girls opened the 2023-24 season with a 44-41 win over Frankfort at home on Tuesday.

Addison Edmondson scored 19

points to lead Trimble while Payton Butters added 11 points and Kimberley Rodriguez chipped in eight points.

Trimble, now 1-0 on the season, traveled to Lexington Christian on Thursday and heads to Carroll County on Thursday, Dec. 7.

HORN BIG IN RAIDER LOSS

Senior guard Ethan Horn scored a career-high 39 points in Trimble County's 67-59 loss at Highlands Latin on Tuesday in the Raiders' boys basketball season opener.

Ethan Keller added 11 points for Trimble County.

One game into his final season at Trimble, Horn now has 1,104 career points for ninth-best in school history.

Trimble, now 0-1 on the season, hosted Ludlow on Thursday and hosts Switzerland County on Saturday. The Raiders then head to Williamstown on Tuesday.



Ethan Horn

SHAWE FALLS TO ROCK CREEK

Shawe boys basketball suffered a 67-39 loss at Rock Creek Academy on Tuesday.

Philip Kahn scored 22 points to lead the Hilltoppers while Braiden Smith added seven points.

Shawe, now 2-1 on the season, hosts Class 2A No. 6 Southwestern on Friday as part of a boys-girls doubleheader. The Hilltoppers then host Christian Academy of Madison on Tuesday.

HANOVER MEN FALL IN OT

Hanover pushed undefeated Hope into overtime before falling 76-73 on the road in men's college basketball on Tuesday.

Max Greenamoyer had 21 points and eight rebounds to lead Hanover. Ty Houston added 12 points and seven rebounds and Matt Munoz scored nine points.

Hanover, now 3-3 on the season, travels to Earlham on Saturday for their Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference opener.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

Several Carroll County and Trimble County players were named to the North Central Kentucky Conference all-conference team.

- Carroll County's Garrison Brumback, Malachi Embers, Parker Mumphrey, Zayne Satchwell and Johnny Scherder were honored as were Trimble County's Zach Hemingway, Sam Galloway, Colin Tolliver and Brayden Wilson.

Carroll County's Denisse Cotero and Laila Miller have been named to the North Central Kentucky Conference girls soccer all-conference team.

The rest of the team is: Gallatin County — Stephanie Fuentes; Henry County — Ella Richmond and Taylor

Corum; Owen County — Brie Dunavent; and Walton-Verona — Campbell Christy (MVP), Olivia Sams and Brynn Willis.

- Carroll County's Cristian Castillo and Brandon Jimenez have been named to the North Central Kentucky Conference boys soccer all-conference team.

The rest of the team is: Gallatin County — Frank Cervantes and Jehiel Perez; Henry County — Jorge Ordonez; and Walton-Verona — Sam Kunkle (MVP), Logan Pronk and Tyler Wolfe.

- Shawe's Philip Kahn has been named Ohio River Valley Conference boys basketball player of the week.

Kahn, a senior, scored 45 points and had 11 rebounds,

nine assists and seven steals in two games for the Hilltoppers last week.

Shawe junior varsity boys basketball defeated New Washington 39-21 at home on Saturday.

Loren Stiver scored 14 points to lead the Hilltoppers and Cavaan Hambrick had 11.

On Tuesday, Shawe lost 50-29 at Rock Creek. Stiver had 12 points and Hambrick had eight.

Shawe, now 2-1, hosts Southwestern on Friday and hosts Christian Academy of Madison on Tuesday.

- Campbellsville University football recently concluded its season with a 4-6 record

and the season's of former Carroll County players **Dhane Montgomery** and **Keishaun Mumphrey**.

Montgomery, a 6-foot-6, 290-pound junior, with the Tigers saw action on offense and defense Mumphrey, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound freshman wide receiver, did not see action on varsity.

The Tigers posted wins over Kentucky Christian, Union, Cumberland (Tenn.) and Faulkner and were 2-4 in the Mid-South Conference, one of the nation's most competitive

small college football leagues.

- Trimble County High School's cheerleading team is holding a fundraiser to assist with its upcoming trip to Universal Cheerleading Association Nationals in Orlando, Florida.

The team is selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts at a cost of \$13 per dozen and each cheerleader is looking to sell 20 dozen doughnuts.

To purchase doughnuts, contact any Trimble County cheerleader.

The money for the doughnuts is needed by Monday, Dec. 4. The doughnuts will be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 7.



Dhane Montgomery



Keishaun Mumphrey

Bengals must rally around backup to prevent season from tanking

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

C I N C I N N A T I

Gray, wet sky blanketed Paycor Stadium on Sunday. It looked a lot like the state of the season for the Cincinnati Bengals at the moment.

Jake Browning and Co. have a lot of work to do.

Back in October, Cincinnati was confident and roaring again, winning four straight games behind a finally healthy Joe Burrow. At 5-3, the Bengals were back in the thick of the AFC North.

Then came a three-point home loss to Houston on Nov. 12.

Then it got worse.

Burrow was lost for the season when he tore a ligament in his right hand during a 34-20 loss at Baltimore on Nov. 16. The star quarterback had surgery on Monday.

With former practice squad QB Browning making his first NFL start Sunday, the last-place Bengals lost 16-10 to Pittsburgh. They dropped to 5-6, a full two games behind the 7-4 Steelers and Browns and well out of reach of the 9-3 Ravens on top of the AFC North.

All hope of making the playoffs for a third

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straight season is not lost, but the defending division champions will have to figure out how to win without their spiritual leader and rally behind a new quarterback who doesn't look ready for prime time.

“That’s how the NFL season goes. You’re going to hit stretches, and you’ve got to find a way to overcome them and regroup,” coach Zac Taylor said.

“Our attention to detail will continue to be sharp, and we will find ways to win in December,” he said. “This team has shown the ability to do that in the past.”

WHAT’S WORKING

The defense surrendered 421 yards on Sunday, but it limited the Steelers to one touchdown and three field goals. The Steelers punted four times and fumbled the ball away once. Cincinnati held them to three points in the first half.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Browning’s numbers weren’t terrible — 19 for 26 for 227 yards with a touchdown and an interception — but the pass protection will need to get better for the inexperienced quarterback to succeed.

He was sacked four times, twice by T.J. Watt. And again, Cincinnati struggled to run the ball, making the offense one-dimensional.

STOCK UP

Ja’Marr Chase had his best game in three weeks, catching four of six targets for 81 yards. The star wide receiver grabbed a tipped pass in the second quarter and turned it into a 31-yard gain. Two plays later, Browning found tight end Drew Sample for the Bengals’ only touchdown.

STOCK DOWN

RB Joe Mixon carried the ball eight times for 16 yards before the Bengals

stopped trying to run at all. Some of the blame has to be absorbed by the offensive line, which hasn’t been able to make the run game click all season.

INJURIES

LB Logan Wilson injured an ankle near the end of the game. ... WR Tee Higgins (hamstring) has missed the past three games.

KEY NUMBER

2 for 10 — Cincinnati’s third-down conversion rate against the Steelers.

NEXT STEPS

Burrow won’t be back, so the Bengals have got to make Browning competitive or perhaps turn to former XFL quarterback A.J. McCarron, who is in his second stint with the Bengals. The rugged finishing schedule starts Monday night at Jacksonville. The Jags are 8-3, good enough for first place in the AFC South. Each of the six teams left on Cincinnati’s schedule currently has a winning record. The Bengals still have rematches ahead with the Steelers (Dec. 23) and Browns (Jan. 7).

“There will be a lot of outside noise. We’ve got to stick together in here,” DT Zach Carter said.

Moss ready to step in for injured Taylor for Colts’ playoff push

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Zack Moss always knew where he stood on the Indianapolis Colts’ depth chart.

When Jonathan Taylor was ready to play, he would be the team’s No. 2 running back again.

Still, Moss stayed ready and took advantage of the opportunities he got. Now, with Taylor injured again, Moss will reclaim the starting job that he held for five of Indy’s first six games.

“Everyone has a role, that’s the beauty of the NFL,” Moss said Wednesday. “When your role changes, you’ve got to be ready to go physically, mentally and just go out there and play. I have great teammates that allow me to go out and do that, so it’s not all me.”

Moss and the Colts (6-5) appear to have mastered the art of adaptation.

They lost Taylor for the first four games as he continued his rehabilitation from offseason ankle surgery and now for about three more weeks following surgery Wednesday on his right thumb. Rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson suffered a season-ending right shoulder injury in Week 5, too.

Yet Indy somehow still sits in playoff position.

Gardner Minshew, Richardson’s replacement, has won three straight starts for the first time in his career. Moss ranks 10th in the league in rushing (672 yards) and is just outside the top 10 with five TD runs despite missing the season opener with a broken arm and serving as an infrequently used backup the last five weeks.

Moss even averages more yards per carry (4.8) than Taylor (4.1) this year.

The timing of this reemergence couldn’t be better for Moss, either.

Moss, who has an expiring contract, suddenly finds himself within reach of his first 1,000-yard season. And with Indy holding the AFC’s seventh and final playoff spot with six games to play, Moss will be the workhorse RB attempting to take the Colts to the postseason for the first time since 2020.

On Sunday, he’ll be lining up against Tennessee (4-7), a team he torched for a career-high 165 yards and two scores in an October victory. Moss also had two receptions for 30 yards in the game.

Naturally, Titans coach Mike Vrabel hasn’t forgotten.

“He should be licking his chops after the game he had against us last time,” Vrabel said. “It’s a great example of players that given opportunity, you know, do some great things. He had his workload increased, and he took advantage of his opportunity. And now he’ll obviously probably get more opportunities.”

The Colts certainly are willing to let Moss take the ball and run with it, given what they’ve already seen. For now, the plan is to use Trey Sermon as Moss’ backup, with no intention to sign another running back. The Colts also have two RBs on the practice squad.

It’s clear they expect Taylor to return this season since they opted not to put him on injured reserve, which would have opened

up a roster spot but kept Taylor sidelined at least four weeks.

When and how Taylor was injured during Sunday’s 27-20 victory over Tampa Bay remains a mystery. First-year coach Shane Steichen said he wasn’t aware Taylor was hurt until Monday night. Moss said he first detected something was wrong at halftime, though he didn’t give it a second thought because Taylor’s final first-down run allowed Minshew to run out the clock.

The Colts’ biggest concerns about Taylor’s injury are his ability to grip the ball and pass protect, two things they have no such worries about with Moss as Indy begins its stretch run.

“I think he’s very nimble, he’s very patient, he crushes the holes and when he gets out in space, he does break it,” Steichen said. “It’s phenomenal the way he prepares every week, he’s a great teammate, he’s great in that running back room. He’s just done a heck of a job and we’re excited about that.”

Moss is eager to show he can continue to excel as a starter and perform well enough to show that what he did earlier this season was no fluke — at least until Taylor returns.

“We did some things the first time, which I’m sure they don’t want to happen again,” Moss said when asked about the rematch with Tennessee. “That’s kind of where my mindset is and I’m sure everybody on the team as well — we’ve got a chance to do some special things this season and we’ve got another step to take.”

Bagwell, Glavine among voters on HOF panel considering managers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Hall of Fame players Jeff Bagwell, Tom Glavine, Chipper Jones, Ted Simmons and Jim Thome are among 16 members of the contemporary era committee that will consider an eight-man Hall of Fame ballot that includes managers Jim Leyland, Lou Piniella, Cito Gaston and Davey Johnson.

Retired manager Joe Torre and former Commissioner Bud Selig, both elected to the hall, also are on the committee that convenes Sunday at the winter meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, along with executives Sandy Alderson, Bill DeWitt, Michael Hill, Ken Kendrick, Andy MacPhail and Phyllis Merhige plus media members/historians Sean Forman, Jack O’Connell and Jesus Ortiz.

The ballot also includes umpires Joe West and Ed Montague, former National League President Bill White and former general manager Hank Peters.

A vote of 75% or more is needed for election. Anyone chosen will be inducted into the Hall of Fame next July 21 along with players voted in by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America, whose balloting will be announced on Jan. 23.

Leyland, 78, won 1,769 games over 22 seasons with Pittsburgh, Florida, Colorado and Detroit, leading the Marlins to the 1997 World Series title. He was voted Manager of the Year in 1990, 1992 and 2006, and he managed the U.S. to the 2017 World Baseball Classic championship.

Piniella, 80, won 1,835 games with the New York Yankees, Cincinnati, Seattle, Tampa Bay and the Chicago Cubs, winning the 1990 World Series with the Reds. His 2001 Mariners won an America League-record 116 games. He was voted Manager of the Year in 1995, 2001 and 2008. Piniella was voted the 1969 AL Rookie of the Year and hit .291 with 102 homers and 766 RBIs in 18 big league seasons that includes titles with the Yankees in 1977 and ‘78.

Gaston, 79, had 894 victories while managing Toronto for 12 seasons, earning World Series titles in 1992 and ‘93. He hit .256 with 91 homers and 387 RBIs during 11 seasons.

Johnson, 80, had 1,372 wins for the New York Mets, Cincinnati, Baltimore, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Washington, leading the Mets to the 1986 World Series title. He was voted Manager of the Year in 1997 and 2012. As a player, he batted .261 with 136 homers and 609 RBIs in 13 seasons.

West, 70, umpired a record 5,460 games from 1976 to 2021, breaking the prior mark of 5,375 set by Bill Klem. West worked six World Series.

Montague, 74, worked 4,369 games from 1974 to 2009 and umpired in six World Series, including four as crew chief.

White, 89, was NL president from 1989-94. He was an All-Star first baseman in five seasons and hit .286 with 202 homers and 870 RBIs from 1956-69, and became a Yankees broadcaster from 1971-88.

Peters, who died in 2015 at age 90, was general manager of the Kansas City Athletics in 1965, moved to the Cleveland Indians the following year, was president of the minor league governing body the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues from 1972-75, then became Baltimore’s GM from November 1975 until October 1987 and helped the Orioles win the 1979 AL pennant and the 1983 World Series. He was president of the Indians from 1987 through 1991.

The Hall of Fame in 2022 restructured its veterans committees for the third time in 12 years, setting up panels to consider the contemporary baseball Era from 1980 on and classic baseball era for before 1980. The contemporary baseball era holds separate ballots for players and another for managers, executives and umpires.

Each committee meets every three years, starting with contemporary baseball/players last December, when Fred McGriff was elected. Classic baseball meets in December 2024 and contemporary baseball/players in December 2025.

Managers and umpires were eligible if they had 10 or more big league seasons and have been retired for five years, though people 65 and older are eligible six months after retirement. Executives must be retired for five years, but active executives 70 or older are eligible.

The ballot was picked by a historical overview committee that included Bob Elliott of the Canadian Baseball Network, Steve Hirt of Stats Perform, David O’Brien of The Athletic, BBWAA secretary-treasurer O’Connell, Tracy Ringolsby of InsideTheSeams, Susan Slusser of the San Francisco Chronicle and Mark Whicker of the Los Angeles News Group along with Jim Henneman (formerly of The Sun in Baltimore), Jim Reeves (formerly of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and Glenn Schwarz (formerly of the San Francisco Chronicle).

Adrián Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright, José Bautista and Matt Holliday are among the players eligible for the BBWAA ballot for the first time in the current vote. Holdovers include Todd Helton, who fell 11 votes short this year, and Billy Wagner, who was 27 shy.

Purdue back at No. 1 in AP Top 25

Arizona up to No. 2; ‘Nova, BYU, Colorado State jump into top 20

BY DAVE SKRETTA
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

Purdue is back atop The Associated Press Top 25 men’s college basketball poll, right where it spent so much of last season.

The Boilermakers ascended to No. 1 on Monday after an impressive run through a loaded field at the Maui Invitational. They beat Gonzaga, Tennessee and Marquette — three of the top 11 teams in the nation — in consecutive days, and that was enough to earn 60 of 63 first-place votes from the national panel of Top 25 voters.

It took the Boilermakers until Dec. 12 to reach No. 1 last year, where they spent seven weeks over two different stints.

“Our guys were resilient, I thought they hung in there, and I thought at times we didn’t play our best basketball in the three days, but I thought we played really hard,” Purdue coach Matt Painter said after the Maui Invitational. “We competed, and that is what you got to do. You got to just sometimes hang in there and just keep competing and make one more play.”

Purdue replaced pre-season No. 1 Kansas, which fell to fifth after losing to Marquette in the Maui semifinals before beating Tennessee in the third-place game. Arizona moved up one spot to No. 2 with one first-place vote, Marquette climbed a spot to third and UConn was fourth with two first-place votes.

The defending national champion Huskies play the Jayhawks on Friday night at Allen Fieldhouse.

Houston remained sixth while Duke climbed to seventh, Miami to eighth and Baylor to ninth. Tennessee only fell three places to 10th after its losses to Purdue and Kansas in Maui, a reflection of the stiff competition.

“I’ve said all along, I like being in big games. If you want to win a big game, you got to get in a big game,” Volunteers coach Rick Barnes said. “I’ve been doing this a long time, and I enjoy these games because I want to see us play at the highest level. I want to see us execute at the highest level. I want to

see our guys learn from this.”

Gonzaga remained at No. 11 after its trip to Maui, and Kentucky was 12th. Florida Atlantic used its win over then-No. 12 Texas A&M on the way to an ESPN Events Invitational title to jump six spots to No. 13, right ahead of the Aggies. Creighton plummeted seven spots to No. 15 after getting walloped by Colorado State in the Hall of Fame Classic championship game.

Texas and North Carolina were followed by Villanova, which returned to the poll, and then BYU and the Rams, who both jumped into the poll for the first time this season. Mississippi State, James Madison, Alabama, Illinois and Oklahoma rounded out the Top 25.

RIISING AND FALLING

FAU made a big climb this week. The Owls followed a humbling loss to Bryant with an impressive trip to Kissimmee, Florida, where they followed tough wins over Butler and Texas A&M by dismantling Virginia Tech for the ESPN Events title.

Creighton took the biggest fall. The Bluejays easily beat Loyola Chicago at the Hall of Fame in Kansas City, Missouri, then were run out of T-Mobile Center by the Rams, who shut down Baylor Scheierman in their 69-48 victory.

IN AND OUT

Villanova, BYU and Colorado State not only entered the poll but jumped right into the top 20. The Wildcats were No. 18 after winning the Battle 4 Atlantis, the Cougars right behind after a Vegas Showdown title and the Rams used their first top-10 win since 1984 against Creighton to enter at No. 20.

Illinois and Oklahoma joined them in the poll at the expense of Colorado, Michigan State, Arkansas, USC and Virginia.

ON THE DOORSTEP

Memphis, San Diego State, Colorado, Ohio State and TCU received the most votes among those outside the poll. Princeton earned 14 votes after its 6-0 start; the Tigers have not been ranked since they were No. 8 in the final poll of the 1997-98 season.

CONFERENCE WATCH

The Big 12 led all conferences with six teams in the Top 25, followed by the SEC with five and the Big East with four. There were 10 different conferences represented this week.

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8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Penn (N)	FBoy Island (N)		News (N)		News	
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Football Pac-12 Championship: TBA vs. Washington (N)						
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ESPN	32	44	SportCtr (N)		NBA	NBA Basketball						NBA Basketball	
FREE	18	40	(5:00) ♣ Dr. Seus...		♣♣♣♣ Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin.			♣ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York					
FX	40	28	(5:30) ♣♣♣ Iron Man 2 ('10)				♣♣♣♣ The Incredibles ('04)					♣ Incredibles 2	
HBO	201	17	Movie	(45) Love Won	(40) ♣♣♣ Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials		Real Time (N)			Gilded			
MAX	270	73	(10) ♣ Rememory ('17)				♣♣♣♣ Gemini ('17) (P)		(35) ♣♣♣♣ Lucy ('14)		Movie		
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PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	♣♣♣♣ Bad Santa ('03)			♣♣♣♣ Scrooged ('88)			
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TMC	233	74	Movie	♣ I'll Be Home for Christ...			♣♣♣ Trapped in Paradise (P)			♣ The Christmas Classic			
TNT	27	43	Movie	(55) ♣♣♣♣ Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith ('05)					Rampage (N)		Movie		
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5 WLWT	2		News (N)		NBCN..	Let'sT..	Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		SNL		News
8 WISH	12		News	FamFe..	The Rookie		♣♣♣ Men in Black II ('02)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		(4:00) Football		Football (N)		Football ACC Championship: Louisville vs. Florida State (N)						
11 WHAS	11	4	(4:00) Football		Football (N)		Football ACC Championship: Louisville vs. Florida State (N)						
15 WKPC	13		(2:00) Choice		Viewers' Choice				Viewers' Choice				
19 WXIX	10		(3:00) Fo..			Big Ten Preg (N) (Live)		Football Big Ten Championship: Iowa vs. Michigan (N)					
32 WLKY	5	5	(4:00) College Football			Jeopar..		Reindeer		Reinde..	Reinde..	48 Hours (N)	News
34 WBKI	7	7	♣ A Family Matters Christmas				♣♣♣ Men in Black II ('02)				WDRB News		Movie
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A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Legends	Legends	Buddy (N)		Neighb..
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DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Mystery		Mystery		Mystery
DISN	25	29	Big City	Big City	Big City	Prep	♣ The Naughty Nine ('23)				Hamst..		Kiff
ESPN	32	44	(4:00) Football		UFC Fight Night (N) (Live)					College Basketball			
FREE	18	40	Movie	(645) ♣ Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause			(550) ♣ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas						
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TNT	27	43	(5:30) ♣♣♣ The Legend of Tarzan				Wrestling: Collision (N) (Live)				♣ Star Wars: A New Hope		
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5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	Football (N) (:15) Football Kansas City Chiefs at Green Bay Packers (N)									
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9 WCPO	23		News	World..	Fun Videos (N)		***** The Santa Clause ('94)				Light Fight (N)		News	
11 WHAS	11	4	World..	News	Fun Videos (N)		***** The Santa Clause ('94)				Light Fight (N)		News	
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19 WXIX	10		(4:25) NFL Football			The OT		Krapo..	Simpso..	Burgers	Family..	FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	CBSN..	WLK..	60 Minutes (N)		Yellowstone (N)		Yellowstone (N)		Fire Country		News	
34 WBKI	7	7	BigBa..	BigBa..	Sullivan's		The Chosen (N)			Whose..		Good Dr		House..
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A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		The First 48		First48	
AMC	29	26	***** Elf ('03) Will Ferrell.				* National Lampoon's Christmas ...				* National Lampoon's C...			
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FREE	18	40	(4:30) * Dr. Seus..		(:10) Rudolph		Frosty (:50) ***** Home Alone ('90)							Movie
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SHOW	221	16	Football Brazil			Dexter		Mayor of (N)		Travelers (N)		The Curse (N)		Travel..
TMC	233	74	* The Starling Girl ('23)				***** The Whale		('22)		***** The Lighthouse			
TNT	27	43	(5:40) ***** Star Wars: The Last Jedi ('17)						***** Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker					
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU "911"		Law-SVU		Law-S...	

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle

by Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

1 Cook in oil

4 Talkative

9 Word attached to mother or ladder

13 Canal of song

14 Farewell

15 Dorothy's dog

16 Go ballistic

17 U.S. state capital

19 Part of summer: abbr.

20 Surface luster

21 Get clean

22 Arctic Ocean hazards

24 ___ Jones

Industrial Average

25 Home for male Franciscans

27 2020 event in the U.S.

30 Travis or Quaid

31 Wander away

33 Holey fabric

35 Nervous

36 Make a smudge worse

37 June 6, 1944

38 Perish

39 Hitchhiker's need

40 Overuse the mirror

41 "Put up ___ up"

43 Like voices after laryngitis

44 1 & 2 & 3 & 4

45 Area of expertise

46 Skirt fold

49 Feistiness

51 Ted Danson TV series

54 Isolate

56 Dumbfound

57 Seldom seen

58 Rock groups

59 Have a strong odor

60 Phoenix team

61 Toothpaste brand

62 Commercials

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1 Haus wife

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Today's Puzzle Solved

1 Ship's kitchen

5 Bye in Barcelona

6 Tiny pieces

7 Gambles

8 Mr. Brynner

9 Sippers' needs

10 Tap the horn

11 Engrave

12 Jab

13 Period of time

18 Piano key wood

20 Bloody

23 "My Fair ___"

24 Precious

25 Barney Rubble's pal

26 Standard car feature

27 ___ Louie; "King of Salads"

28 Aimless; lacking guidance

29 Bursting at the ___

31 Pornography

32 Mayor pro ___;

interim position

34 Sort; variety

36 Have nothing to do with

37 Word of disgust

48 Make money

49 Celebrity

50 Tree on Maine's flag

52 Takes to court

53 Pen contents

55 "Lopez vs. Lopez" network

56 Fem. title

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ACROSS

1 Old Testament book

4 Had sore muscles

9 "Spider-Man: ___ the Spider-Verse"; 2018 film

13 Kicks oneself for

15 Weather forecast

16 When both hands are straight up

17 Hold back; stop

18 Razz

19 Entice

20 Forte

22 Actress Paquin

23 Plunder

24 Aficionado

26 Former teen idol Frankie

29 Thumping

34 ___ Castro

35 Brag

36 Mr. Mineo

37 Like eclairs

38 Throws

39 "___ Las Vegas"; Elvis film

40 House member: abbr.

41 Foot parts

42 Longed

43 Highly regarded

45 Mutilate

46 Brylcreem amount

47 Lacks the ability to

48 Shine

51 Vital

56 Bossa ___;

Brazilian dance

57 One of the Judds

58 Equipment

60 Consumer

61 Actress Pompeo

62 Notice

63 Transmit

64 Major airline

65 English letter

DOWN

1 Sammy Davis & Ed Begley: abbr.

2 Time-___; game pauses

3 Tap the horn

4 "Lights, camera, ___!"

5 Athletic shoe feature

6 Get well

7 Compass direction

8 Actor Richard

9 Away from the shore

10 Person, place or thing

11 ___ up; very upset

12 ___ Day

multivitamins

14 Stunk

21 "Groovy!" to today's kids

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26 Blazing

27 Evil habits

28 Skilled

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30 Dobbin's dinner

31 "...land of liberty, of thee ___."

32 Belly button

33 Forest clearing

35 Actor Christian

38 Mixed together

39 Wine label info

41 ___ of Cortez; Gulf of California

42 Keep gasping

44 Newsman ___ R. Murrow

45 Yacht spot

47 Sky streaker

48 Large antelopes

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50 Microwave

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54 Home in a tree

55 Sticky strip

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Cousin drama extends to guardianship

Dear Amy: My husband and his cousin, “Jerry,” are like brothers. Jerry and I got off on the wrong foot, because after agreeing to be best man at our very small wedding, he backed out because his sister — whom I had never met — hadn’t been invited.

We quickly extended an invitation to the sister, but Jerry refused to stand up at our wedding. My husband forgave Jerry, and I let the matter go. We’ve seen him a handful of times since, usually at family events.

A few years ago, my husband was diagnosed with dementia, so we got our affairs in order. This included naming our oldest daughter as guardian of our youngest children if we should both die. My husband’s sister is second on the list and another of his cousins is third on the list. Both live near us, and we spend a lot of time together. They have helped us to raise our children.

Jerry recently found out about the arrangement and has now bad-mouthed me to the entire family for “shutting out” my husband’s “almost brother” from being a possible guardian to our children.

I explained to him directly that we chose family members who know our children. He insists I have done this against my husband’s wishes as payback

for the wedding “issue.” My husband is too ill to set the record straight. Now the situation has gotten so bad that the cousin listed as a possible guardian has decided not to invite Jerry and his family to her wedding. I feel terrible. Any advice for how to solve the family drama before it becomes an all-out war? I’m not changing my mind about guardianship, but I also hate to deny Jerry time with my husband in what could be the last couple years of his life.

— At a Loss in California
Dear At a Loss: The only surefire way I can see to prevent this episode from blowing up further would be for your husband’s cousin “Jerry” to stop being such a controlling jerk. Other family members are responding to his behavior by deciding they don’t want to be around him. You’ve done nothing to incite this drama, and you should not allow yourself to be drawn in. In short, calmly stick to your guns.

It sounds as if you believe your husband would like to spend time with Jerry, and if so, you should shelve your concerns about this drama and invite him to the house so he can see your husband. There is some likelihood that Jerry will decline to visit, but if he does visit, greet him cordially, offer him coffee and encourage the two to spend time together.

Woman at home worries about work

Dear Amy: I am a woman in my mid-40s with two grown children. I have suffered with depression and anxiety for much of my life. I am on medication and work weekly with a therapist. Things have been under control until recently.

Over the past few months, my mother had a stroke, my husband had a heart attack and one of my children called off their wedding.

I handled everything as it was happening, but once everything settled, I had a bit of a breakdown.

I took some time off work to attend to my mental health. When I returned, I was pretty much told I was no longer needed at the company. I was very hurt, but in reality, it was probably time for me to move on.

My husband and I talked and decided that I didn’t need to be in a hurry to return to work.

We realized that we could more than make it on his salary, and I still wasn’t in a great place mentally. My therapist didn’t think I was ready to return to work and definitely not in a place to start a new job.

Being home, I’ve been accomplishing a lot of things we had been putting off due to lack of time and energy. Our home is very happy and very clean!

However, I struggle to respond when people ask about my work.

When I tell people I don’t work, there’s always an implied question as to why.

My children are grown, I’m not disabled, so what do I say when the questions do get personal?

— Young & Happy Retiree
Dear Happy: Your history of mental illness might have sensitized you to questions about your situation, but I’ll offer a gentle reminder that taking care of your mental health is nothing to be embarrassed about.

All the same, no one should feel forced to reveal their health history, just to fulfill a conversation-starter.

Also, by the way, you do work. You are taking care of hearth and home.

I suggest a friendly but vague response: “I left my previous job not too long ago, and I’m taking a break until I start my next chapter. In fact, this might be my next chapter, because I love working at home.”

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be brimming with confidence and overflowing with charm; your visible sincerity and trustworthiness can allow you to become more popular than usual. Your attractiveness might be enhanced; get ready to make your play.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You might be so confident of your abilities that you feel sure to have enormous success in a new passion you want to pursue. If you do not know what gift may please a loved one during a gift exchange, ask around.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — An opportunity could come along thanks to the efforts of a loved one. You may be inspired by the eagerness of your closest companions and want to follow their lead. You might gain some holiday gift ideas from a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Show off your vast knowledge in a friendly group setting where it can be truly appreciated. Good deeds could be performed while your sympathies are aroused even within a work or business environment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Work hard and you can achieve your goals or help make someone else’s dreams come true. You may be able to get by on pure charm and a warm smile right now. It may be best to avoid any career or financial intrigues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may have a knack for putting the right spin on a flattering narrative. Your honesty and sincerity could put doubts to rest and help reassure a friend. A loved one might be tethered to you like an anchor right now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Try not to let the green-eyed monster of jealousy undermine your romantic bonds or cherished friendships. Look for ways to prove that your intentions can be trustworthy. An invitation to a special dinner might work wonders.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You can exercise delicacy and make things work better. True teamwork may be difficult to achieve, but it could make more sense than trying to work alone. Keep your friends close but your enemies closer right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Banish lethargy by engaging in some physical activity. A walk around the block or taking a trip into town could help clear a blockage and the cobwebs. Do not participate in an investment opportunity without thorough research.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can perform better in a peaceful setting so take needed steps to block out distractions. Your passions could be aroused but you might not be exercising the appropriate delicacy or diplomacy right now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Do your best to keep a better calendar and you can have more time for fun. Setting reminders for appointments, monthly payments or deadlines could help keep you on track. Someone close may be in the mood for love.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — If trouble begins to brew in paradise, a group of loyal friends could be there to help keep it at bay. You might feel you have hit a wall with an uncooperative family member but can still enjoy local gatherings or some entertainment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be feeling like the center of attention right now. Remain sensitive to a partner’s insecurities if you find yourself receiving one too many flirtatious comments from someone else. Make it clear that you are loyal.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Try not to let compliments go to your head. Comments that may be well deserved or ignite your enthusiasm could trigger another person’s jealousy. A new interest might end up being a quickly passing phase.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Wintertime could ignite a passion for charitable deeds and gift giving. It may be easier to drum up some donations for the organization of your choice if you turn your attention to your friends, neighbors, or family members.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Every connection can become a steppingstone that could put you in a better position to be a more astute businessperson. Being an active member of your community may widen your network of social contacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — There may be plenty of invitations or choices to be made about your social calendar. A clue from a friend could send you off in the right direction. Wherever you go you could enjoy being surrounded by exciting people.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Try not to hesitate when pursuing a new inspirational idea. You could rally support for home-based activities that everyone can enjoy. Evaluate a new set of policies that may put your loved ones at ease.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — An exciting escape from duller routines might be just what you need

right now. Unexpected invitations or a drop-in guest could give you the chance to flex your social muscles. An admirer may be on their way to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may hope to get a head start on holiday decorating or shopping but could find yourself dissatisfied by what you find. The latest trends might not appeal to your tastes, or unexpected guests might sideline your plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You could be feeling enthusiastic about many things all at once and end up scattering your energies everywhere. You might miss the target if you head off on a holiday shopping trip without a structured list.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you master your passions, you can find you are more able to control your destiny. For now, you can enjoy your family and friends. Your storytelling abilities may amuse someone or give you the chance to be the center of attention.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Focusing on your budget now can help you better prepare for the holidays ahead and take some stress off your plate. When you show enthusiasm for a new or inspiring idea, someone may agree and jump on your bandwagon.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Do your best to avoid rushing ahead to defend a lost cause or put your own needs above others right now. If you hide your real intentions, you may drive a wedge between you and a loved one who might not understand your reasoning.

CRAWFORD

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freestyle in 25.77 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:14.87 while Kuppler won the 100 freestyle in 59.30. The pair then teamed with Johnson

and Roney to win the 200 medley relay in 2:04.32 and with Roney and Wynn to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:50.81.

Other top finishes for Madison were: Kuppler, second, 200 free, 2:07.70; Roney, third, 100 fly, 1:14.33; Bibb, third,

500 free, 6:35.35; Johnson, fourth, 50 free, 29.19; Wynn, Johnson, Mahoney and Bibb, fourth, 400 free relay, 4:39.92; and Wynn, fifth, 200 free, 2:28.32 and fifth, 100 free, 1:05.18.

LEGAL

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jefferson County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the County Council meet at 620 Green Road the EMA Building at 5:00 p.m. DATE 12-12-23 will consider the following for the current year.
Fund/Additional
1138 Cum Cap \$125,000.00
1168 Health Maintenance \$31,500.00
4999 Health Trust \$1,200.00
8107 Immunization Grant \$150.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The addition of appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance Department.
Heather Huff
Jefferson County, Auditor hspaxlp

Top finishes for Switzerland County were: Kaelin Taylor, fifth, 500 free, 6:52.90 and eighth, 100 breast, 1:30.39; Piper Tay-

LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
JEFFERSON COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-MI-953

IN RE The Name Change Of:
Vanessa Gail Dermon
Petitioner

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Vanessa Gail Dermon, whose mailing address is 2517 Poplar Ridge Lane; Madison, Indiana 47250, in the Jefferson County Indiana, hereby gives notice that Vanessa Gail Dermon has filed a petition in the Jefferson Court requesting that her name be changed to Vanessa Gail Barron.
Notice is further given that the hearing will be held on said Petition on January, 9 2024 at 9:30 am.
/s/ Vanessa Gail Dermon
Petitioner
11-8-2023
Date

/s/ DJ Mote
Judicial Officer
hspaxlp

LEGAL

NOTICE OF CORPORATE DISSOLUTION

Notice is hereby given that Blue Wolf Vape, LLC, a limited liability company governed by the Indiana Business Corporation Law, has been voluntarily dissolved under and pursuant to resolutions of its Members. Articles of Dissolution have been filed with the Indiana Secretary of State in accordance with the Indiana Business Corporation law. The Limited Liability Company was dissolved effective September 18, 2023. In order for you as a creditor to make a claim against the Company, you must file a written statement of the amount of your claim, and an explanation of your claim sufficient to apprise the Company of the basis of the Claim. You need

to send a copy of the written claim to 13240 West SR 56, Lexington, IN 47138. It is suggested that you provide copies of any supporting documents with your claim. The Claim and supporting documents need to be sent by certified mail, or priority mail. Upon the receipt of such claims, the Company will make a determination with respect to such claims as provided in Indiana Code 23-1-45-6. Any claim otherwise made against the Company will be barred, unless a proceeding to enforce such claim commenced within two (2) years of the date of publication of this Notice.

Blue Wolf Vape, LLC.
/s/ Karen Conaway
Managing Member
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LEGAL

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2311-EU-000081

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF MARTHA S. VAUGHN, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA S. VAUGHN, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that Donald R. Vaughn was, on the 13th day of November, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Martha S. Vaughn, deceased, who died on the 8th day of October, 2023. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of November, 2023.

/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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lor, Eva Hicks, Kaelin Taylor and Ava Cole, fifth, 200 free relay, 2:08.25; Molly Hicks, Kaelin Taylor, Cole and Piper Taylor, seventh, 200 medley relay, 2:23.32; Hicks, ninth, 100 back, 1:25.31; Cole, ninth, 200 IM, 2:57.56 and 10th, 100 fly, 1:21.44; and Piper Taylor, ninth, 100 free, 1:11.51.
Switzerland traveled to Milan on Thursday and competes at Lanesville on Saturday. The Pacers then host Oldenburg and South Ripley next Thursday, Dec. 7.

Southwestern and Shawe each compete in the Law-

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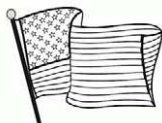
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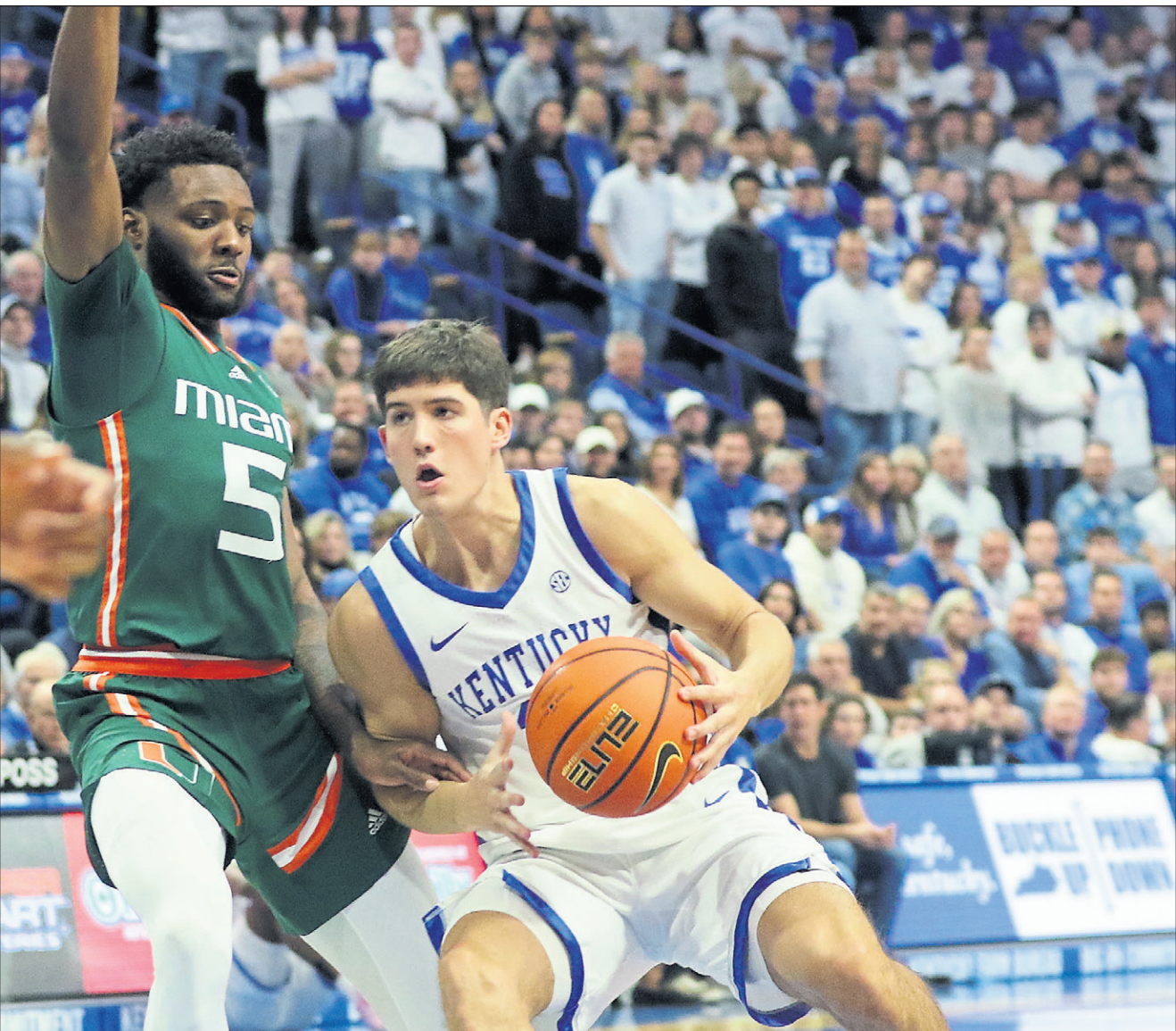
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Sheppard, No. 12 Kentucky overwhelm No. 8 Miami 95-73

BY AARON GERSHON
THE CATS' PAUSE

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kentucky earned its most impressive win of the season thus far Tuesday as the No. 12 ranked Wildcats took down the No. 8 ranked Miami Hurricanes, who played in the 2023 Final Four 95-73 at Rupp Arena in the first installment of the ACC/SEC Challenge.

“A good game against a good team,” UK head coach John Calipari said postgame. “Defensively, we were saying make the three hard. Make them take tough twos; they can beat you with threes and they also beat you if you turn it over because they unbelievably finish at the rim and we just didn’t turn it over that much.”

“It was a statement game,” Justin Edwards added. “Just going the game and showing that we belong. I honestly feel like we’re one of the top teams in the country. Just another game to prove ourselves and prove to everyone else that we’re a good team.”

The win did not come without a major injury scare for the Wildcats. Starting point guard D.J. Wagner left the game in the first half with a “lower extremity injury” and was helped to the locker room. He emerged from the locker room after halftime and rode on a stationary bike but never returned to the game.

“I did not see D.J., but I think they said his ankle,” Calipari said “He wasn’t going to come back.”

Kentucky jumped out to a 21-11 lead eight and a half minutes into the contest thanks to six early points from Adou Thiero, four from Edwards and forcing Miami star forward Norchad Omier into foul trouble as he picked up two early fouls and was sent to the bench but Miami quickly flipped the script going on an 18-2 run to take a 29-23 lead with 7:48 left in the opening half.

The Wildcats would punch Miami right back as it finished the final 7:48 of the half on a 19-8 which included an 8-0 run to close out the half that saw UK hold Miami scoreless for the final three minutes of the half and featured a Reed Sheppard block of a Nijel Pack three-point attempt that was grabbed by Antonio Reeves and taken down the floor for a lay-up that sent Rupp Arena into a frenzy. UK’s hot finish to the opening half helped the Cats take a 42-37 lead into halftime.

Kentucky opened the second half on a quick 9-2 run to take a 51-39 lead with 17:56 left to play and force Miami to call timeout.

Unlike how it quickly recovered from a 10-point deficit in the first half, the Hurricanes were unable to slow down the Wildcats in the second half. Kentucky extended its 9-2 run to 21-4 to open the second half, growing its lead to 20 at 63-43 and forced Miami to call another timeout with 14:53 left to play.

Kentucky finished the game on a 32-30 run as it outscored the Hurricanes 53-36 in a dominant second half to earn a statement victory.

“To play as fast as we play it’s not just what it does for us it is what it does to an opponent,” Calipari said. “Jim [Larranaga] is just not playing a whole lot of guys. He was riding those guys, and now all of a sudden, in that second half, that’s when it hits.”

The Wildcats were led in scoring by Sheppard with 21 points. He was joined in double figures by Reeves (18), Tre Mitchell (14), Rob Dillingham (12) and Edwards (11).

Kentucky shot 59.7% from from the field, 42.9% from three and 70.6% from the charity stripe on the night and on the defensive end picked up nine steals and blocked five Miami shots. The Cats assisted on 26 of its 37 made field goals, with Dillingham dishing a team-high nine assists while UK turned the ball over just eight times.

Omier led the Hurricanes with 20 points despite playing just 19 minutes and fouling out with 7:41 left to play. He was joined in double figures by Wooga Poplar with 19 points and Christian Watson with 10.

“We just couldn’t guard them,” Larranaga said. “I thought the first team to 80 would win, but we didn’t score. We played totally out of character on offense and that impacted our defense.”

Miami dropped to 5-1 on the season with the loss.

The win for Kentucky came in another contest in which the Wildcats were without seven-footers Aaron Bradshaw, Ugonna Onyenso and Zvonimir Ivisic as Miami outrebounded UK 35-29.

Kentucky (6-1) will be back in action Saturday when it welcomes UNC Wilmington (5-1) to Rupp Arena. (TV: Live on SECN at 4 p.m.).

finished with 18 points, as did Bash Wieland for Bellarmine (2-6). Alec Pfriem added 14 points. The Knights were without leading scorer Ben Johnson (13.0 ppg), out with a hip injury sustained in their previous game against West Virginia.

Louisville trailed by five at halftime and was still behind five minutes into the second half when the Cardinals went on a 16-1 run for a 12-point lead while Bellarmine started 3 of 16. The Knights then went on a 16-6 run to get within two with four minutes remaining.

A reverse dunk by Traynor was Louisville’s

fifth straight bucket without a miss and had the Cardinals ahead by six with 43 seconds to go.

Billy Smith’s baseline 3-pointer got the Knights (2-6) within two with nine seconds left but White made a pair of free throws and that was enough.

Bellarmine beat Louisville 67-66 last year for the program’s first win over a power conference team and the Knights’ first-ever win in the series after 12 losses.

Bellarmine is at Ball State on Saturday. Louisville is at Virginia Tech for its ACC opener on Sunday (TV: Live on ACCN at 4 p.m.).

Reed Sheppard drives the lane for two of his team-best 21 points as No. 12 Kentucky routed No. 8 Miami 95-73 Tuesday night at Rupp Arena.

Darrell Bird/The Cats’ Pause

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF AN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA
Notice is hereby given that on November 27, 2023, the County Council (the “Council”) of Jefferson County, Indiana (the “County”), adopted a resolution (the “Resolution”) declaring an area in the County, located in Madison Township and described in detail in the Resolution (the “Area”), as an economic revitalization area pursuant to Indiana Code 6-1.1-12.1 (the “Act”). Owners of real and personal property in the Area making application, subsequently approved by the Resolution of the Council, may receive real property tax abatement and/or personal property tax abatement pursuant to applicable procedures of the Act. The Resolution also approves and allows, pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-3, real property tax deductions for ten (10) years with respect to real property redevelopment or rehabilitation in the Area, and pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-4.5 and Indiana Code § 6-1.1-12.1-18, personal property tax deductions for ten (10) years with respect to the installation of new manufacturing equipment in the Area by Williams Power, LLC (the “Applicant”). A copy of the Resolution including a more detailed description of the Area to be declared as an economic revitalization area is available to the general public and can be inspected in the office of the Jefferson County Assessor, located at 300 East Main Street, Room 102, Madison, Indiana, 47250. A public hearing (the “Public Hearing”) shall be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., local time, at the Jefferson County Public Safety Center, located at 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana, 47250. At the Public Hearing, the Council will hear all remonstrances and objections from interested parties regarding the Resolution. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Council may take final action determining whether the qualifications for an economic revitalization area have been met, and the Council may confirm, modify and confirm, or rescind the Resolution. Dated this 27th day of November, 2023. Heather Huff, Auditor Jefferson County, Indiana hspaxlp

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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS:
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2311-EU-000082
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF DARRYL A. SMITH, DECEASED.
William Joseph Jenner, JENNER, PATTISON & SHARPE, 508 E. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250; (812) 265-5132
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DARRYL A. SMITH, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Norman L. Smith was, on the 13th day of November, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of Darryl A. Smith, deceased, who died on the 22nd day of September, 2023. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent’s death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of November, 2023.
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Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN hspaxlp

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vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF DONALD THOMPSON, DECEASED, AMY THOMPSON and RECEIVABLES MANAGEMENT PARTNERS, LLC, Defendants.
NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant(s) above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are hereby notified that you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you is:
In Rem Complaint on Note and to Foreclose Mortgage on Real Estate Against the property commonly known as 492 E County Road 733 N, Madison, IN 47250 and described as follows:
SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON AND THE STATE OF INDIANA: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN MONROE TOWNSHIP, THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 10, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 1098 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 565.88 FEET TO A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE WEST WITH SAID COUNTY ROAD 169 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF U.S. 421; THENCE SOUTH 6° WEST 569 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE EAST 223 1/2 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 2 1/2 ACRES MORE OR LESS BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS AND OTHER EASEMENTS.
EXCEPTION THEREOF: A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED IN MONROE TOWNSHIP, IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 1098 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID QUARTER SECTION; THENCE RUNNING NORTH 194 FEET; THENCE WEST PARALLEL WITH A COUNTY ROAD 220 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE U.S. 421; THENCE SOUTH 6° WEST 194 FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE EAST 223 1/2 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS AND EASEMENTS.
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You must answer the Complaint in writing, by you or your attorney, within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief demanded, by the Plaintiff. FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. By /s/ BRYAN K. REDMOND BRYAN K. REDMOND Attorney No. 22108-29 Attorney for Plaintiff BRYAN K. REDMOND FEIWELL & HANNOY, P.C. 8415 Allison Pointe Blvd., Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46250
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Clark scores 21 as Louisville rallies past Bellarmine 73-68

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Skyy Clark scored 16 of his 21 points in the second half and Louisville rallied in the second half for a 73-68 win over intracity opponent Bellarmine on Wednesday night.

Clark was 7-of-13 shooting with three 3-pointers. Tre White added 14 points and Mike James 10. Brandon Huntley-Hatfield grabbed 10 rebounds to go with nine points for the Cardinals (4-3).

After scoring 22 points in the opening half, Louisville came back with 51 in the second on 55% shooting.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Conference championships critical for the CFP in last 4-team bracket

BY ERIC OLSON
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

There's been a love-hate relationship with conference championship games historically.

Since the SEC introduced college football to conference championship games in 1992, they've been knocked for being a money grab, putting unbeaten teams at risk if they slip up against a lesser opponent and being a tough sell for traveling fans who would rather spend their money on a bowl.

This year, as much as ever and maybe more, the games are critical for the College Football Playoff committee to separate the top-heavy group of elite teams.

That makes it a year to love conference championships.

Four unbeatens and four one-loss teams still have playoff hopes. Of those eight, only Ohio State will be idle.

The fun starts Friday with No. 3 Washington (12-0, No. 3 CFP) trying to beat No. 5 Oregon (11-1, No. 5 CFP) for a second time. The Huskies' 36-33 victory on Oct. 14 is a candidate for game of the year and was the second of eight straight games they won by 10 points or less. If Oregon wins, it has an argument for a bid.

On Saturday, No. 7 Texas (11-1,

No. 7 CFP) must beat No. 19 Oklahoma State (9-3, No. 18 CFP) in the Big 12 title game and then root hard for eighth-ranked Alabama (11-1, No. 8 CFP) — a team it beat on the road in September — to take down two-time defending national champion and top-ranked Georgia (12-0, No. 1 CFP) in the SEC. A loss wouldn't necessarily knock the Bulldogs out of the top four, though.

No. 2 Michigan (12-0, No. 2 CFP) has made two straight playoffs after walloping overmatched West Division opponents. Now it faces No. 18 Iowa (10-2, No. 16 CFP) — which it beat 42-3 in 2021 — in Jim Harbaugh's return following his three-game suspension.

BEST GAME

No. 4 Florida State (12-0, No. 4 CFP) vs. No. 15 Louisville (10-2, No. 14 CFP), ACC title game in Charlotte, North Carolina, at 8 p.m. Saturday (ABC)

Never mind it's the closest point spread among the Power Five games. FanDuel Sportsbook lists FSU as a 2 1/2-point favorite. The hook is that it's the ultimate eye test for the Seminoles.

With Tate Rodemaker making his second start of the season in place

of injured star QB Jordan Travis, the Seminoles better be sharper than they were against Florida last week or risk giving the CFP committee a reason to leave them out of the final four.

Jeff Brohm has gotten the Cardinals to 10 wins and their first ACC title game in his first season. They would love to play the spoiler here and go to the Orange Bowl.

HEISMAN WATCH

Heisman voters who do their jobs right will wait until after Saturday's games to submit their ballots. This could be close.

LSU QB Jayden Daniels stacked monster games and was considered the front-runner as recently as last week, according to wagering trends. Then Oregon QB Bo Nix went out and threw for 367 yards and accounted for three touchdowns in a blowout of Oregon State. Now he's the favorite.

Daniels' team is done until the bowl. Nix and the Ducks have the big stage to themselves against Washington. If Nix plays like he has the last month — 16 TDs, one interception — he very well could bring Oregon a second Heisman in 10 years.

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Louisville relishing chance for ACC title after 9 years trying

BY GARY B. GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Louisville can't help reflecting on the ironies of finally reaching the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

For all the summer aspirations of competing for a title, the Cardinals were adjusting to Jeff Brohm, a native son and program great who accepted his alma mater's second overtime last December four years after turning it down while building Purdue into a Big Ten contender. The transition included learning a new staff and blending more than two dozen transfers.

Those realities explain why they received no first-place votes in the preseason media poll and were picked to finish eighth in the 14-team league. And other than sharing the Atlantic Division title with Clemson in 2016 thanks to eventual Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson, Louisville hadn't been a serious ACC contender since entering in '14.

But here are the No. 15 Cardinals (10-2, 7-1 ACC, No. 14 CFP), looking to add to their remarkable season with that first ACC title they always dreamed of. The chance comes later than originally expected but is obviously ahead of schedule given the circumstances. Either way, Louisville aims to take full advantage of it Saturday in Charlotte against No. 4 Florida State (**TV:** Live on ABC at 8 p.m.).

"It drives us," Louisville sophomore linebacker T.J. Quinn said. "That's something that nobody can ever take from you — being the first team to win a championship. With everything we've been through this season, to just see the reward that we can possibly get. We just can't let the pressure get to us."

In a fitting twist, Louisville must clear a familiar hurdle in the Seminoles (12-0, 8-0 ACC, No. 4 CFP). FSU and Clemson were the Cardinals' targets upon joining the league, with the 'Noles fresh off a national championship and pursuing another before the Tigers assumed the mantle as ACC heavyweight.

Louisville finally broke through against FSU in 2016 with an epic 63-20 win led by Jackson's five-touchdown, 372-yard signature offensive performance that established him as the

Heisman Trophy favorite and eventually its youngest winner. The series has swung both ways since then with FSU winning the past two matchups, but neither the 'Noles nor Tigers were on this year's schedule.

Those absences have sparked scrutiny of the Cardinals' record, but they've handled the challenges in front of them — most notably, topping then-No. 10 Notre Dame (33-20) and then-No. 20 Duke (23-0) at home along with earning key league road victories. Louisville has its first 10-win season since 2013 as a result and is eager to keep proving it's no fluke.

"Our guys have played with a chip on their shoulders," said Brohm, who is the first NCAA coach to take two different programs to conference title games in consecutive seasons. He guided Purdue to last year's Big Ten championship game against Michigan.

"They're hungry and they have been all year, so I give them a lot of credit for that. ... We know what we're capable of, and because of that we understand that if we can put it all together for one game and four quarters, yeah, anything can happen."

That Louisville is making it happen under Brohm isn't surprising. The former standout Cardinals quarterback under coaching great Howard Schnellenberger and onetime assistant under Bobby Petrino at UofL and Western Kentucky has built his own successful head coaching resume through high-powered offense and a keen respect for defense.

The Cardinals head to Charlotte ranked 19th nationally in total defense (314.7 yards allowed per game), 26th on offense (438.6) and 31st in scoring (33.0 points).

It's why the school targeted Brohm after firing Petrino in 2018 following a 2-8 start to the fifth year of his second coaching stint and eventual 2-10 finish. The timing then wasn't right, the coach acknowledged, but he accepted the second offer last fall to build on a team coming off an 8-5 finish with a Fenway Bowl victory.

While that raised expectations for the program, no one foresaw Louisville reaching this level, favorable schedule or not. At least, not right away.

Hoosiers reach deal with Cignetti as new football coach

BY MICHAEL MAROT
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Curt Cignetti learned the coaching profession from his College Football Hall of Fame father.

Now, like his father, he's about to get his chance on the big stage.

The Indiana Hoosiers have hired Curt Cignetti as their new coach, school officials announced Thursday. Shortly after the announcement, James Madison officials said Cignetti had resigned.

"I am excited to lead this program forward and change the culture, mindset, and expectation level of Hoosier football," Cignetti said in a statement. "I want to thank director of athletics Scott Dolson and President Pam Whitten, and I look forward to working with both in building something special at IU. Both share my vision and belief that big things are ahead for the IU program."

Cignetti spent the past five seasons at James Madison, where he presided over an FCS powerhouse and then over one of the most successful transitions to FBS in NCAA history.

There, he went 52-9, winning three Colonial Athletic Association conference titles at the FCS level before leading No. 24 James Madison (11-1, 7-1 Sun Belt) to East Division crowns in each of its first two seasons in the new conference. The Dukes are not eligible to play in Saturday's league championship game but will be bowl eligible.

While Cignetti's experience has been primarily on the offensive side — working with quarterbacks, receivers and tight ends — James Madison's calling card lately has been a stout defense. The Dukes have allowed just 4.9 yards per play this season (No. 18) and he has two defensive linemen ranked among the top 10 nationally.

What the Hoosiers are getting in the 62-year-old Cignetti is an experienced head coach who was considered one of the hottest names in this year's coaching ranks. Indiana hired first-time college coaches with each of its last two choices — Tom Allen and Kevin Wilson.

Allen was fired Sunday after seven full seasons. He was 9-27 overall and 3-24 in league play during the three seasons since

Indiana finished 6-2 in 2020. Since then the college football landscape has changed dramatically with the introduction of name, images and likeness deals as well as the popularity of the transfer portal.

"We had a very talented and deep pool of candidates, and Curt stood out thanks to an incredible track record of success over more than four decades in college football," Dolson said. "As a head coach he's succeeded everywhere he's been, and as an assistant he has been a part of championship cultures while working alongside some of the game's best coaches."

Like Allen, Cignetti learned the game from his father.

Frank Cignetti Sr. won nearly 200 career games before being inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2013. He went 17-27 in four seasons at West Virginia from 1976-79, battling cancer during his final season. Then in 1986, he took the reins at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he had been the athletic director since 1982, and finished his career there in 2005. He went 182-50-1 at IUP.

Not surprisingly, there were many similarities between the Cignettis careers.

Both had short tenures as assistants at Pittsburgh and the younger Cignetti also played quarterback at West Virginia.

Both also spent more than a decade climbing the assistant coaching ranks before landing a head coaching job, and now Curt Cignetti, like his father, has landed a job at a Power Five school.

But while the elder Cignetti spent most of his career at smaller schools, the younger Cignetti took a different career trek, primarily working at Division I schools.

Curt Cignetti started his career as a grad assistant on Foge Fazio's staff at Pittsburgh, coached receivers at Davidson, quarterbacks at Rice, Temple and during a second stint at Pitt. He also was quarterbacks coach and recruiting coordinator at North Carolina State from 2000-06 and served as Alabama's recruiting coordinator-receivers coach from 2007-10.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Tourney quarters set; Pacers, Bucks, Kings and Lakers to host

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

MIAMI — Khris Middleton had a thought pop into his head immediately after Milwaukee topped Miami to finish group play in the NBA's In-Season Tournament with an unbeaten record.

"We're going to Vegas," he said.

Maybe. But not yet. Middleton didn't know he'd skipped one important step — the quarterfinals.

Hey, some people are evidently still learning the tournament format. It gets simple now, though, with the inaugural event down to its final eight teams.

In the Eastern Conference, it'll be Milwaukee hosting New York on Dec. 5 and Indiana playing host to Boston on Dec. 4; in the Western Conference, it'll be the Los Angeles Lakers hosting Phoenix on Dec. 5 and Sacramento — thanks to a huge comeback over Golden State — playing host to New Orleans on Dec. 4.

The winners go to Las Vegas for semifinal games on Dec. 7, and those winners play Dec. 9 to be the first team to hoist the NBA Cup and win \$500,000 per player, \$250,000 for those on two-way deals.

"It'd be pretty cool to be part of history," Middleton said. "You always want to be the first to win something. It'd definitely be cool to be the first to win the first In-Season Tournament."

Milwaukee, Indiana, the Lakers and the Kings all made all the guesswork easy; they were the teams that went 4-0 in group play. Everything else came down to tiebreakers.

In the East, Boston, New York, Cleveland, Orlando and Brooklyn all went 3-1 and kept trying to pile up points. Boston outscored the teams in its group by 27 points, compared with a plus-22 differential for Orlando and plus-20 for Brooklyn. That meant the Celtics won East Group C.

"You just know what the reason is," Nets forward Mikal Bridges said. "It's trying to make it to Vegas. There's no harm at all. We know that point differential

is another key besides just winning."

Still, chasing points led to some weirdness in the Celtics' blowout victory over Chicago on Tuesday.

Boston, up by 32 points with 7:02 left, intentionally fouled Chicago's Andre Drummond to try and get the ball back and ensure it would win any differential tiebreaker over the Nets and Magic. Bulls coach Billy Donovan didn't like it, understandably, and seeing Boston's Payton Pritchard shoot a 3-pointer — it missed — up by 26 with 10.8 seconds remaining was something out of the ordinary as well.

"I had to explain to him, 'This is what our people are telling us, this is what we have to do, this is the process towards protecting our lead,' " Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla said of his in-game conversation with Donovan. "It gives us the best chance to win and advance."

New York got the East wild card on point differential over the Cavaliers, Magic and Nets.

"I understand the concept," Knicks guard Josh Hart said. "But it's weird."

Here's more weirdness: All the quarterfinal matchups will be between teams that are now assured of playing each other five times in this regular season — something that hasn't happened in the league since 2003-04, when Miami and New Jersey had five meetings.

The West race didn't end up with quite as much drama as the East had with the down-to-the-wire differential chasing. Phoenix (3-1) got the wild card over Minnesota (3-1) because of point differential — the Suns outscored opponents by 34 points, the Timberwolves finished with a differential of zero.

Golden State needed to beat Sacramento by 12 points to win West Group C; the Warriors led by 24 in the first half and by 18 midway through the third quarter, but the Kings roared back to end Golden State's tournament hopes with a 124-123 win.

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Cards sign AL Cy Young runner-up Gray to \$75M deal to revamp rotation

BY DAVE SKRETTA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The St. Louis Cardinals made their biggest splash yet in an attempt to revamp their lackluster rotation, agreeing with AL Cy Young runner-up Sonny Gray on a \$75 million, three-year contract Monday to anchor their staff heading into next season.

Gray's deal includes a \$30 million team option for 2027 with a \$5 million buy-out, which could make the agreement worth \$100 million over four seasons.

John Mozeliak, the Cardinals' president of baseball operations, already had signed free agent right-handers Kyle Gibson and Lance Lynn to one-year deals. But Mozeliak also said the Cardinals were not at "the finish line," and a week later, they have one of the best pitchers on the free-agent market at the front of their rotation.

"We were hoping to sign a couple of pitchers we knew we could count on for innings," Mozeliak said, "and if we could accomplish that, we were hoping we could do something a little bigger, a little longer, and obviously that's where Sonny fits in."

The 34-year-old Gray went 8-8 with a 2.79 ERA for Minnesota last season.

He turned down a qualifying offer from the Twins, who get an additional pick in next year's amateur draft as compensation for losing him, currently No. 33.

St. Louis will lose its second-highest selection. It could be a small price to pay for a big boost to their rotation.

"Where I am in my career," Gray said during a news conference at Busch Stadium, "I want to win. I'm coming to an organization like St. Louis — the tradition, just walking in here this morning, walking around seeing everything — the history is there. The feel is there. It's just a baseball town and city and a place that I'm thrilled to be able to come and be part of it."

The Cardinals went 71-91 last season for their worst record since 1995, and the biggest culprit was pitching. Their rotation had a 5.08 ERA, fifth worst in the major leagues, and when the bullpen was added to the mix, their 4.79 ERA ranked 24th.

The Cardinals only had right-hander Miles Mikolas and left-hander Steven Matz under contract for 2024, so it made sense for them to move quickly and sign Lynn and Gibson to absorb innings at the back of the rotation.

BRACKET

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NUMBERS TO KNOW
1 — Jeff Brohm is the only coach to lead two different schools to conference championship games in back-to-back years, doing it with Louisville this year and Purdue in 2022.
12 — Consecutive weeks Texas has been in the top 10 of the AP Top 25, its longest streak since 2009-10.
27 — Consecutive years Georgia will go to a bowl, the

NCAA's longest active streak.
216 — Iowa's season points, fewest by a 10-win team since at least 2000, according to Sportradar.
1976 — Last year UNLV beat Boise State, its opponent in the Mountain West title game. The Rebels are 0-6 against the Broncos since then.
UNDER THE RADAR
New Mexico State (10-3) at No. 20 Liberty (12-0, No. 24 CFP), Conference USA title game, 7 p.m. ET Friday (CBS Sports Network)
Jerry Kill's head coaching revival has brought a quick turnaround

for NMSU, which has two straight winning seasons for the first time since it strung together four in a row from 1964-67.
Jamey Chadwell led Liberty to a perfect regular season in his first year on the strength of the nation's top rushing offense and a defense with an FBS-high 20 interceptions.
HOT COACH
It's time for hiring instead of firing, so we'll drop the "Hot Seat" category and throw out the name of a coach poised to move on to a better job.
No. 17 Tulane (11-1, No. 22

CFP) has won 23 of its last 26 games under Willie Fritz, including a 2022 American Athletic Conference title and Cotton Bowl win over Southern California. The Green Wave are on a 10-game win streak entering Saturday's AAC championship game against No. 25 SMU (10-2).
If the 63-year-old Fritz wants to see what he can do in a Power Five job, and get a big pay bump, Houston would be a natural spot for a program builder like him. The Cougars went 2-7 in Big 12 play in their first year in the conference and just fired Dana Holgorsen.

QUARTERS

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The 22 teams that didn't make the quarterfinals will play regular-season games on Dec. 6 and Dec. 8 to fill out the two remaining spots on their 82-game schedule. The teams that lose in the quarterfinals will play a to-be-added regular-season game against each other, East vs. East and West vs. West. The semifinal games count as regular-season games as well — and the championship game will not count in the standings.

STOOPS

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but after celebrating a big win against our rivals with players I love like family, I knew in my heart I couldn't leave the University of Kentucky right now. I have a great job at a place I love, and I get to work with the best administration and greatest fan base in college football right where I'm at. I'm excited to say I'm a Wildcat!"
And their fans should breathe a sigh of relief. There's always unrest amongst every fan base, of course, and it's true that back-to-back 7-5 campaigns have been a disappointment after two years of offseason

hype — but, for where UK has been, where it is now and where it wants to be, losing Stoops would have been tough.
The SEC is set to expand next year with the addition of Oklahoma and Texas next year, pocketbooks around the country continue to get larger, and the NCAA transfer portal is a constant carousel of players coming and going.
For the Wildcats to start over with a new coach after qualifying for a school-record eighth consecutive bowl game, especially in the current landscape of college football and the SEC, it'd be a multi-year rebuild — especially when student-athletes can leave through the portal at a moment's notice.

In a similar sense, Stoops would have to restart in College Station too, though the big-money boosters would've helped erase any doubts.
"I was pursued by another opportunity, and I am right where I want to be," Stoops said during his weekly radio show Monday night, "with a great team, a bunch

of players, administration and a bunch of people that are aligned to do the right things and to win. I'm very happy."
Now, UK can turn its attention to preparing for the upcoming bowl game and, a more pressing matter, navigating the offseason.
Running back Ray Davis

has already opted out of the bowl game to enter the 2024 NFL Draft, and defensive back Jalen Geiger has announced his plans to transfer. Of course, others will make their intentions known over the next several weeks after the coaching staff conducts individual meetings.
"If you're going to make

a change, things have to happen very, very quickly because of recruiting and, most importantly, keeping your team intact," Stoops added.
After a whirlwind of a weekend and plenty of uncertainty, the relationship between Kentucky and Stoops remains intact, as well.

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